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TWENTY-ONE DEAD AND TEN MISSING

**Firemen and Policemen Lose Their Lives While
Fighting Fire at Philadelphia--Twenty-four
Others Sustain Injuries.**

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 22.—Nineteen firemen dead and three missing; two policemen known to have been killed and seven missing; 24 injured firemen and police in city hospitals, with the likelihood that several will die, half a dozen bodies in the smouldering ice-covered ruins of the D. Friedlander leather factory, with exhausted rescuers fighting ice and fire to reach them—that is the summary to-day of Philadelphia's Yuletide tragedy.

The known dead:

Firemen—Robert Stewart, Charles Hill, William Hoffman, Fred Galbreath, Frank Carroll, Howard Bertlett, Charles Hill, William Hoffman, Charles Eldelman, Harry Bartlett, Kilpatrick, Birchenham, John Collins, Thomas Entwistle, Charles McConnell, George Machinsky, Kiazner, Parks and Pass.

Policemen—Landley and Gelles.

To the summary of horror caused by the holocaust may be added the privation and sorrow brought to the families of the dead and dying throughout the city and the suspicion that the lives of the city's servants were sacrificed to incendiarism of the worst type.

The coroner to-day said that cursory investigation showed that the building had been fired simultaneously in half dozen places. An official investigation is under way to determine the cause of the fire and fix responsibility.

Ten hours after the fire had been brought under control the rescuers came upon the unconscious form of Fireman Glazier. Although trapped beneath twisted girders and horribly mangled, his life was saved by a fellow fireman, whose body, nearly cut in two, protected Glazier from death. The dead fireman was identified as a hoseman named Eldelman.

At 3:30 this morning the remaining shell of the building collapsed, and added tons of masonry to the debris that covered several bodies. The entire fire department, aided by the men

of the building department, and the police have been at work continuously on the ruins.

Under the glare of the electric lights firemen, police and laborers toiled to lift the crumbled walls and uncover the remaining victims. The intense cold interfered with rapid work and the authorities declared that several days must elapse before the last body can be recovered.

Shortly before daylight the body of Frank Carroll, a fireman, was recovered. Near him the body of Fireman John Collins was taken from the debris. Later Firemen George Machinsky and George Eldelman crushed to death beneath a fall of the section of flooring, were dragged out.

The fire started at 10 o'clock last night and burned until nearly daylight. The water in the hydrants was nearly frozen and as soon as the streams were turned on the blaze the pressure died at the nozzles.

The lines of hose were wrapped in blankets and after considerable delay water was turned on the burning building. As soon as the fire had been controlled the rescuers encountered great sheets of ice that covered the ruins and compelled them to use axes. A score of firemen that was rushed from warm engine houses into the cold air were overcome and were taken to hospitals.

While the severed body of Fireman Fidelein lay across his chest, saving him from death from a heavy beam that rested upon it, Fireman Glazier was given sixty gallons of oxygen. A score of firemen that was rushed from warm engine houses into the cold air were overcome and were taken to hospitals.

Once, when it was thought Glazier was dying, the priest administered the sacrament of extreme unction. When Glazier was taken from the ruins and shortly after he had been sent to the hospital, smouldering flames burst out near the spot where he had been imprisoned. Both of Glazier's legs were broken and he was injured internally, but it is believed he will recover. The body of Fidelein was removed and placed in a temporary morgue beside those of the firemen and police who perished in the flames.

CRITICISM ON Sooke BY-LAW

**VIEWS OF COMMITTEE
ON LEGISLATION**

**Aldermen, Having Protested,
May Now Expedite Passage
of the Measure**

It is improbable that at this evening's special meeting of the city council those members of the board who have attacked the Sooke water by-law on the grounds of its insufficiency and inaccuracy will make any endeavor to block its passage.

They having placed themselves on record as protesting against what they consider an attempt to deceive the people, not only as to the financial burden involved in the undertaking but in respect to the sufficiency of data, will now urge that the passage of the by-law through council be expedited so that the vote of the people may be taken.

In view of the grave importance of the issue involved the following report of the legislative committee, which is signed by Ald. Langley, chairman, and Ald. Bishop, Bannerman, McKewen and Mable, is of extreme interest:

Your committee has carefully considered the proposed by-law for the acquisition and utilization of Sooke lake for water purposes.

Your committee is of the opinion that the data with reference to such scheme is wholly insufficient to enable either the council or the ratepayers to form any intelligent idea upon any one essential feature. In the words of Mr. H. M. Burwell's report of the 21st May, 1910, "it would be folly to express an opinion as to the advisability of proceeding with an undertaking of such magnitude without the most thorough investigation of the available water supply."

"Nothing should be taken for granted in this connection; surveys and measurements should be made to absolutely determine the annual run-off from the drainage area of Sooke lake and the adjoining drainage areas which can be diverted into this lake."

Your committee has, therefore, decided that they cannot recommend to the council for favorable consideration the placing of a by-law before the ratepayers in the shape of the present proposed by-law, involving such a large

sum as \$1,500,000, when such council is entirely without the means of knowing, or being able to explain to such ratepayers, how such sum was fixed, or in what way it was proposed to be expended, nor, in fact, is the council in a position to give to the ratepayers any reliable and definite information upon the essential points of the scheme.

Your committee have, therefore, thought it advisable that the information referred to should be acquired, and for that purpose do hereby recommend for your favorable consideration certain amendments to the said by-law, which are in the hands of the city solicitor, for enabling the corporation to borrow the sum of \$25,000 for the purpose of making tests, obtaining plans and accurate data of the cost of the utilization of the waters of Sooke lake for the purpose of an additional water supply for the city of Victoria.

Appended to this report is a copy of the letter of the city solicitor of the 17th December instant to the chairman of this committee, in reply to his written inquiry, upon the points therein mentioned.

Also appended is the report of the water commissioner showing the increase in the water rates which the passage of the by-law, as first introduced, would entail, on the basis of \$1,500,000.

MAURETANIA ON SCHEDULE TIME

**Reported by Wireless Speeding
Toward Liverpool on Record Breaking Trip**

(Times Leased Wire.)
London, Dec. 22.—The Cunard liner Mauretania was reported by wireless to-day speeding toward Liverpool on schedule time on its effort to break the record for a journey from Liverpool and return. Should the Mauretania keep up its present pace it will reach Liverpool at 10 o'clock to-night, Greenwich time, just 11 days 14 hours and 7 minutes having elapsed since the trip was begun. William Ragg Holt, special correspondent of the London Mail, who "did America in 28 hours," is on board the vessel.

SALARY OF REGINA'S MAYOR.
Regina, Dec. 22.—The council has decided to pay the mayor a salary of twenty-five hundred dollars.

NEW BANK.
Weyburn, Sask., Dec. 22.—The Weyburn Security Bank, with a capital of a million dollars, is to be incorporated at Ottawa.

UNDERGROUND WIRES BY-LAW

**PEOPLE WILL VOTE
ON MEASURE SOON**

**General Hope and Expectation
is That Verdict Will
Be Favorable**

There is a very general hope amongst all classes in the community that the by-law providing ways and means whereby the telephone wires may be placed underground in the business section of the city will pass when it again comes before the ratepayers at the forthcoming municipal elections.

It will be recalled that in August last this measure was one of a number of by-laws to be placed before the people and on that occasion the vote was an adverse one. It was felt that this result was due in the main to the fact that the public did not properly understand that in no event is there a likelihood of a financial burden being cast upon the city under the terms of the by-law. On the contrary, the telephone company undertakes to bear the entire expense, the city merely being a party to the financial arrangement proposed for the sake of convenience.

It is felt that in view of the fact that both the city and the company have already gone to considerable expense in the matter of getting the consent of the property owners who will be affected by the proposed improvement, it would be a most regrettable thing if the by-law were turned down the second time because of a misunderstanding.

A word of explanation of the terms and meaning of the by-law will be timely. For some years the city has been desirous of having all telephone construction removed from the streets of the business area and the B. C. Telephone Company has signified its willingness to meet the city in the matter of certain financial assistance—really the backing of the city's credit—is given to provide for raising the funds to carry out the work. As lanes do not exist within the area affected by the agreement the telephone company has undertaken to lay underground conduits on the streets and into the centre of all city blocks within the district stipulated in the agreement.

"In the centre of these city blocks 'outlets' from the conduits will be provided and from these 'outlets' will be served all the telephone connections within blocks, the wires to be carried from the 'outlets' along the rear walls of the various buildings within the city blocks to the telephone instruments within the buildings. From the conduit 'outlets' all wiring will be carried in lead cables neatly affixed to the walls of buildings. Permission for the use of the walls of buildings is to be obtained by the telephone company from owners.

The by-law which will be voted on on January 12 proposes that the credit of the city to the extent of \$100,000 shall be loaned the telephone company. In other words, the city agrees to issue debentures to the amount of \$100,000—which is the estimated cost of the work of laying underground conduits and establishing the interior block wiring system—which will be either payable in fifty years or, at the option of the company, be redeemable at any time upon six months' notice to the debenture holders. In either case the debentures will bear interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum.

In issuing the debentures the city of Victoria incurs no liability for interest or sinking fund, as it is provided in the agreement between the city and the telephone company that the latter, during the lifetime of the debentures, shall make a semi-annual payment to the city equal in amount to the interest and sinking fund upon the amount of the debentures on the 15th day of January and July in each year.

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CROSSES CHANNEL IN AEROPLANE

**Cecil Grace, a Wright Pupil,
Flies From Dover to
Calais**

(Times Leased Wire.)
Dover, Eng., Dec. 22.—A flight across the English Channel between Dover and Calais in an aeroplane, was made to-day by Cecil Grace, a Wright aviator. Grace ascended in an endeavor to beat the cross channel record for distance, recently set by Sopwith, an English novice, in an English-made machine. Sopwith flew 173 miles, landing in Belgium.

Grace crossed the channel without mishap and passed over Calais at an altitude of 500 feet. He then headed inland and it was believed he would try to continue the flight to Paris. The night across the channel was made in a dense fog, Grace using a compass to steer by.

PEACE COUNCILS MAY PREVAIL

**STRIKE SITUATION
NOW MORE PROMISING**

**Conferences To-day Likely to
End in Railways and En-
gineers Agreeing**

(Times Leased Wire.)
Chicago, Dec. 22.—A lengthy conference between Labor Commissioner Chas. P. Neil and representatives of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers to-day was regarded as foreshadowing a peaceful settlement of the threatened strike of 5,000 engineers on western lines.

It is believed that the railroad officials have concluded that the engineers were not bluffing in their demand for an increase in wages under a threat of strike, and that they have disclosed to Commissioner Neil the final terms of the railroads.

Neil refused to state what concessions the companies were willing to make.

Reports Premature.
Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 22.—Officials of the Soo system and other lines running into this city say the report of probable locomotive engineers strike on sixty-one western roads are somewhat premature, as they have not received any intimation of a strike, as they surely would if the situation was critical. It is pointed out that on five of the affected railway systems there are pension systems and the strike would deprive men from benefit if only one hour. Conductors and brakemen's organizations are also engaged in conference with the Railway Manager's Association.

BRITISH OFFICERS CONVICTED AS SPIES

**Captain and Lieutenant Sentenced to Four Years
Each in Germany**

(Times Leased Wire.)
Leipzig, Germany, Dec. 22.—Captain Bernard Trench and Lieut. Vivian Brandon, English army officers, convicted of spying on German fortifications at Pöckum, were sentenced to four years' imprisonment each by a German court here to-day.

The Englishmen admitted having taken sketches of the Pöckum fortifications, and then having given the sketches to the British officials.

The German Supreme court heard the case, thus practically precluding an appeal. The accused men were defended by Sir William Bull, M. P.

The prisoners did not divulge the identity of the English military expert to whom they gave the sketches of the fortifications. Both were calm when sentenced, announcing that they were willing to suffer for their country.

Capt. Trench admitted he originated the plan for sketching the fortifications at Pöckum.

The president of the court, at the suggestion of the imperial prosecutor, declared the proceedings public.

The prosecutor said the British newspapers had told the British continually that Germans were spying on England for an invasion of that country. Here, said the prosecutor, were two British officers on the active list whose papers and admissions showed plainly they came to Germany to gather information which could only serve to facilitate an unprovoked attack on Germany.

STUDENTS AND POLICE CLASH.

One Man Killed and Ten Injured in Fight at Odessa.

Odessa, Russia, Dec. 22.—One student is dead, three are recovering in hospitals from injuries and seven policemen are more or less seriously hurt as the result of clashes between students and police. Two hundred and thirty-five students are under arrest and more are being watched. The trouble began when the police attempted to break up a meeting of students within the precincts of the university.

BUSINESS GROWS IN WEST.

Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—The Canadian Pacific, Canadian Northern and Grand Trunk Pacific report the year's business in the west shows an increase of twenty per cent. over last year.

RAILWAY OFFICIAL PROMOTED.

(Special to the Times.)
Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—Geo. H. Shaw, traffic manager of the Canadian Northern railway, has been appointed fourth vice-president of the Canadian Northern railway. He leaves for Toronto to reside.

KING GOES TO SANDRINGHAM.

London, Dec. 22.—King George to-day went to Sandringham Palace for the Christmas holidays.

WILL GUARANTEE BE ABOLISHED?

**KNOTTY PROBLEM
IN STREET PAVING**

**Special Committee of City
Council Now Dealing With
Important Point**

A knotty problem at present confronting a special committee of the city council is contained in the task imposed upon that body of drawing up a set of standard specifications which shall be used in the execution of contracts with successful bidders for works of local improvement. The committee, consisting of the mayor, Alderman Bannerman, the city engineer, the city solicitor, the purchasing agent and the water commissioner, has been at work for some time and considerable progress has been made.

At a recent session, however, a conflict of opinion arose on a point about which the public will no doubt hear a great deal more shortly. This is the wisdom or otherwise of abolishing the policy inaugurated earlier in the year of letting contracts for street paving work on terms which insist on a ten-year guarantee of the work with 15 per cent. of the contract price left in the hands of the city until the expiration of that period.

All of the work done by the Worwick Paving company has been done on this basis, and as the arrangement has proved one very much in the interests of the property-owners a majority of the members of the committee protested successfully against the proposal that the guarantee and hold-back should be abolished. Within the last few weeks, however, pressure has been brought to bear upon certain members of the committee from an outside source with such success, it is hinted, that another attempt will be made shortly to abolish the provisions which prove irksome to competitors of the company which so far has had all the paving contracts.

Those in favor of doing away with the guarantee and hold-back argue that it is illegal and altogether unnecessary. This is said to be the opinion of the city solicitor, who, it is alleged, has openly stated that he is determined to abolish the provisions mentioned. As to the illegality of the practice, it is understood that some of the best legal talent in the city has been consulted and the opinion expressed that there is no question whatever as to the legality of the procedure; that it is a general practice in other cities. It is probable that at the next meeting of the streets committee this point will be thoroughly threshed out.

But it is in respect to the proposed abolition of the guarantee clause that those promises to be the liveliest discussion. In nearly every instance the contracts entered into with the Worwick company have been initiated by the property-owners along the streets to be paved, and as they feel that the guarantee clause is vital if they are to be assured of getting a pavement which shall last a period of ten years, it is probable that they will make strenuous protest against the suggestion that it be done away with.

Both the city engineer and the mayor are said to be of the opinion that the policy in respect to specifications for street paving at present in vogue is working satisfactorily, and should therefore remain unaltered; and in view of this fact the outcome of the present agitation for a change is awaited with considerable interest.

IRISH UNIONISTS TO FIGHT HOME RULE

**Meeting Will Be Held to Or-
ganize Campaign in Eng-
land and Scotland**

(Special to the Times.)
London, Dec. 22.—The Canadian Associated Press understands that a joint committee of Unionist associations in Ireland will meet in February to organize a campaign in England and Scotland against Home Rule.

The campaign will be on a more extensive scale than the country has known since the rejection of the Gladstone bill by the House of Lords in 1893.

FRENCHWOMAN'S LONG FLIGHT.

Etampes, France, Dec. 22.—Mlle. Dutrieu established a new woman's aviation record here yesterday. She flew 103 miles in two hours and 33 minutes.

CHICAGO CONFLAGRATION CLAIMS THIRTY LIVES

**Fire Chief, Second Assistant Chief and Several
Company Captains Among Victims---Explosion
Buries Number of Men.**

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Having claimed the lives of probably thirty firemen, the fire that destroyed the stock yards Warehouse of Nelson, Morris & Co., spread to-day to the tall house of the plant, and at noon it was stated that the entire plant was in danger of destruction.

At 12 o'clock the walls of the tall house had crumbled before the fierce heat, and one of the piles of masonry fell upon the spot where it was believed the bodies of 20 missing firemen lie buried.

A third general alarm brought every fire company in Chicago to the scene in an effort to prevent the conflagration from sweeping the entire stock yards district.

The beef house, which adjoins the warehouse, was consumed during the morning, and tons of meat in the house were given to the flames. The odor of burning flesh was sickening, and a dozen firemen collapsed under the strain and horror of the night and day long fight.

"The great tall house, occupying nearly a city block, caught fire shortly before noon. The greasy stores within the building gave ready food to the greedy flames, and the burning tallow and lard supplied added fuel to the fire. When the more inflammable material caught fire great flames shot high into the air, the heat accompanying them carrying great pieces of burning wood and myriads of sparks over the stock yards.

The extent of the disaster was epitomized in the statement of Fire Marshal Butler, who declared that destruction threatened the entire Union Stock Yards, and that unless the wind abated nothing could save the packing plants.

General Officers Dead.
The fire was caused by the explosion of ammonia. Seven charred bodies were dragged from the blazing ruins at daybreak, but the work of rescue later was prevented by a renewal of the fire, and at noon nearly half of the Chicago

BODY SNATCHING.

Remains of Man Found in Barrel Believed to Have Been Taken From Grave.

(Special to the Times.)

Jarvis, Ont., Dec. 22.—Provincial Inspector Reburn with his assistants opened the grave of Matthew Johnston here this morning and found it empty. It was regarded as certain here that the body found in the barrel at Montreal, consigned as a shipment of turkeys, was that of Johnston, and the empty grave confirms John McMorley, who was placed under arrest last night charged with knowledge of the affair, will be put under examination to-night. McMorley is a farmer near here and admits having shipped a barrel to Montreal some time about the middle of November for a man he did not know. He believed the barrel contained turkeys, and he stoutly maintains that there was no body in it when he sent it.

Matthew Johnston was the sexton of the Presbyterian church here and was highly respected. He died on November 14, leaving sons and daughters and other relatives, who are greatly concerned over the affair. In fact, the whole town is wild with excitement.

FORMER BANKER FREE.

Leavenworth, Kan., Dec. 22.—Justin I. Broderick, formerly of Indianapolis, was released from the federal prison here yesterday, after serving a sentence of ten years for violation of the national banking laws. He has been assistant to the chief clerk of the prison for several years.

ITALIAN TROOPS FOR TRIPOLI.

London, Dec. 22.—The Pall Mall Gazette in to-day's issue prints an account of the embarkment of the Italian army corps for Tripoli as the result of strained relations between Italy and Turkey.

WINNIPEG STRIKERS FORMALLY DISCHARGED

**Motormen and Conductors
Asked to Turn in Caps
and Badges**

(Special to the Times.)
Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—The street railway company this morning formally discharged all its old employees now on strike, and Manager Phillips wrote a letter to William Marshall, representing the striking motormen and conductors, asking that all caps and badges be turned in immediately, and that the men would be paid off if they called at the office.

This is a severe blow to the prospects of settlement, which looked promising yesterday.

SUMMERLAND COLLEGE.

Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—Rev. J. C. Bowen, educational secretary of the Baptist Union of Western Canada, left for Ontario last night to canvass for funds for Okanagan College, at Summerland, B. C.

fire department, fighting the flames, had abandoned the search for the bodies of the victims.

Among the dead are believed to be several of the commanding officers of the fire department, including two fire marshals and several company captains.

The dead so far identified are: Fire Chief Horan; Second Assistant Chief Burroughs; Capt. John Collins, Capt. Patrick Doyle, Fireman George Murawski and two firemen, unidentified.

Missing and believed to be dead: Truckman Albert Craine, Capt. McGraw and Lieut. Fitzgerald, Engine Company No. 45.

Capt. Fuchs, Lieut. Regan and Firemen Eugene Sullivan, John McLachlan, Richard Ryan, Lewis Malloy, M. Byrne, T. Costello, George Barth, all of Engine Company No. 29.

Engineer Scanlan, Fireman Frank Hamilton and Lieut. Edward Dennis, Engine Company No. 27.

Lieut. Beckory, Engineer Charles Sweeney, and Firemen Thos. O'Connor, W. Dailey, F. Walters, P. Kij, James Foster, John Bohrens and Joseph Osborne, Engine Company No. 59.

Firemen Chas. Moore, Nicholas Crane and Frank Hoberiser, Engine Company No. 18.

Fireman George Enthoff, Engine Company No. 34.

After examining the rolls of the decimated companies, Assistant Fire Marshal Butler said that the entire number of missing men was 30, and that number probably had lost their lives.

The first alarm was turned in at 3 o'clock this morning, and brought five companies to the scene. A second and third alarm quickly followed, bringing out Marshals Horan and Burroughs. In half an hour the \$1,000,000 warehouse was burning fiercely, and the firemen were handicapped by low water pressure and freezing weather.

Ammonia Explodes.

About an hour after the arrival of the first engines and while more than 100 firemen were clustered about the building or working on the ground floor, an immense tank of ammonia exploded without a moment's warning. In an instant the burning woodwork

THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE DEAD

**VICTIMS OF EXPLOSION
IN LANCASHIRE MINE**

**Officials Abandon Hope of Sav-
ing Any of the En-
tombled Men**

(Times Leased Wire.)
Manchester, Eng., Dec. 22.—A total of 235 dead in the Pretoria mine of the Little Hulton company, as the result of yesterday's explosion was the estimate given out to-day by officials of the mine.

Rescuers searching the tunnels for any miners that may have survived the deadly gases with which the workings are filled, were halted when within 90 feet of the mine centre to-day and could not proceed with the work until the gases had been driven out.

According to the officials there is no hope of saving any of those believed to be in the mine.

Manager Tongue, leading the rescuers, was overcome by gases to-day and was taken from the mine in a critical condition.

Among the incidents was the death of a rescuer, who, anxious to reach his two sons, who were entombed, got in advance of his comrades and forfeited his life.

King George has sent a message of sympathy.

STORES AND BANK DESTROYED.

(Special to the Times.)

Bradford, Man., Dec. 22.—Fire started in Orlanburg's store here this morning at 2:45 and burned the whole of the business portion of the town. Orlanburg's general store, F. & J. Field's hardware, Massey-Harris warehouse, the Bank of Hamilton, R. Common's general store, and the Beaver lumber office and lumber yard were destroyed. The only business places left are a restaurant and drug store.

NEW LIGHTHOUSE TENDER.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—The contract for a steel vessel for lighthouse and buoy service on the Pacific coast has been awarded by the government to the Collingwood Shipbuilding Company for \$260,000.

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CROFT'S 4 DIAMOND PORT, per bottle \$1.50
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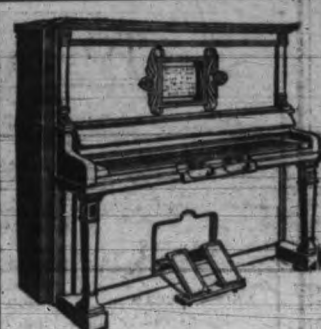
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LITTLE HOPE FOR ST. DENIS

TWO WEEKS OVERDUE ON TRIP TO MEXICO

Believed She Was Battered to Pieces During Recent Heavy Gale

Another shipping disaster. It is feared, has been added to the list of mysteries of the Pacific ocean. The well known steamer St. Denis, which was formerly operated between Victoria and northern British Columbia ports by the Boscowitz Steamship Company, of this city, is thought by shipping men of this coast to have foundered, as she is over two weeks overdue on her trip from Vancouver to Salina Cruz, Mexico.

The little vessel, which is now owned by the Lower California Development Company, had completed her charter to the Boscowitz company, and was returning south to her owners. She left Vancouver on November 19 and was reported passing Cape Flattery on November 21, since which time nothing has been heard of her. The St. Denis was heavily laden with coal, taken on at Union Bay, sufficient to last her until she reached Salina Cruz.

On the night after the St. Denis was last reported, a great southerly gale swept the coast, blowing at a velocity of 30 miles an hour at Tatosh, according to the wind gauge. It is feared that as she was riding so low in the water the mountainous waves must have pounded her badly and finally sent her to the bottom.

The majority of the officers on the St. Denis were well known along the waterfront here. Capt. Thomas D. Davis, her master, was sent north by the owners to take the vessel south and had many friends here; Chief Officer J. C. Gould, formerly of the Canadian-Mexican liner Londale; Second Mate F. Weighton; William Dods, chief engineer; Archie D. Street, second engineer; Edward Hunter, third engineer; A. C. Delpic, chief steward; formerly freight clerk on the Princess Victoria, and widely known here; Fred Motley, cook; George Evenson, cook. Five deckhands and firemen were carried, making a total crew of 14.

The St. Denis is a steamer of 514 tons gross, 302 tons net register, 161 feet long, 25.5 feet beam and 12.7 feet deep, with one iron deck. She was built at Sunderland in 1895 and is registered at Liverpool. The steamer was formerly known as the General Mena. She was released early in November by the Boscowitz company, when Capt. LeBlanc turned her over to Capt. Davis, at Vancouver.

The C. P. R. announces the usual holiday excursions. Tickets will be on sale to Vancouver and return to Seattle and return at the rate of \$2.70. These can be purchased from December 23 to December 25, and the final return limit is January 3 for all. Between all points on the B. & N. there will be a rate of the regular fare and one-third for the round trip, final return limit being January 3.

He that sympathizes in all the happiness of others, perhaps himself enjoys the greatest happiness; and he that is warned by all the folly of others, has, perhaps, attained the soundest wisdom.—Calver.

At the Carnegie public library on Christmas Day and New Year's Day the reading rooms will be open to the public from 2 p. m. to 9 p. m., but the Mondays following those dates the library will be closed.

The remains of the late Ivan Harold, the two-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. Jones, were laid to rest in Ross Bay cemetery this afternoon. The funeral took place from the family residence, 1008 View street, at 3 o'clock and fifteen minutes later at Christ Church cathedral, where service was conducted by Dean Doull. There was a large attendance of sympathizing friends and the casket was covered with a profusion of beautiful floral offerings.

Large crowds gathered at the Maritime theatre last night to witness the picture play, "A Ship's Husband." This film was taken here last summer by the Edison troupe, and opens with a scene at the Gorge park. Through the misinterpretation of a telegram sent her husband, who left for Vancouver on the C. P. R. steamer Charmer, Mrs. Knox immediately chatters the tug. Near to pursue Mr. Knox, whom she believes has run away with another lady. The scenes which follow in the chase before the tug overtakes the Charmer are very funny as are also those when they are brought face to face with each other. This picture, which is interesting as well as amusing, will be shown this evening for the last time.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 22—5 a. m.—A disturbance is developing on the northern coast causing rain and snow. The pressure is still highest over the North Pacific states, and temperatures west of the ranges are normal. In the prairie provinces a low area is now centre in Manitoba, and the weather is fair to cloudy, with not much change in temperature.

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Friday. Victoria and vicinity—Moderate to fresh southerly winds, unsettled, with rain. Lower Mainland—Southerly winds, unsettled, with rain.

Reports at 5 a. m. Victoria—Barometer, 30.27; temperature, 40; minimum, 37; wind, 12 miles E.; rain, 0; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.25; temperature, 39; minimum, 36; wind, 5 miles E.; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.30; temperature, 35; minimum, 22; wind, 5 miles W.; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 30.15; temperature, 40; minimum, 40; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.20; temperature, 40; minimum, 40; wind, 5 miles S.; weather, part cloudy.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 30.23; temperature, 38; minimum, 34; wind, 20 miles N. E.; rain, 20; weather, rain.

Edmonton—Barometer, 30.05; temperature, 20; minimum, 20; wind, 14 miles N. W.; weather, clear.

Winnipeg—Barometer, 29.80; temperature, 20; minimum, 24; wind, 14 miles W.; weather, part cloudy.

Victoria Daily Weather.

Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Wednesday.

Temperature.

Highest 41

Lowest 34

Average 37

Rain, trace.

Bright sunshine, 4 hours 45 minutes.

General state of weather, fair.

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FOR THE MOST POPULAR FORM OF ADVERTISING IN TOWN TRY THIS COLUMN

HILLSIDE AVENUE—1 1/2-100 acres, or about nine lots, price \$5,000. Allen & Son.

ROCKLAND PARK LOTS—The cheapest and best sub-division on the market, small cash payment and easy monthly installments; price \$200 and up. Allen & Son, 1228 Government street, over North-west Crown Bank.

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JAMES BAY—Corner lot, with two houses, only one block from Parliament Buildings; price \$5,500, good terms. Allen & Son.

TENDERS will be received up to Saturday noon, Dec. 24, for the purchase of a 5 room house and lot in Victoria West. The highest bid will be accepted. The house No. 16 103 McCaskill street. A. M. Gregg, 630 Johnson street.

\$27 CASH for cabinet grand piano, in dark mahogany case. See this piano today. Hicks & Lovick Piano Co., opp. Post Office.

TO MY MANY CLIENTS—I wish to inform that on and after December 27 I will be found at Room 207, Pemberton Block, under the firm name of Russell & Gregg. Present office, A. M. Gregg, 630 Johnson street.

WAREHOUSE SITE—50 feet on Fisguard street, just above Blanchard; biggest snap on street at \$10,000, very easy terms. Wm. W. Moore or T. C. Johnston, Room 4, Mahon Block. Phone 427.

CORNWALL STREET, near Richardson, four large lots, cheap at \$2,000, on easy terms. Wm. W. Moore or T. C. Johnston, Room 4, Mahon Block. Phone 427.

FISGUARD STREET, just above V. & E. station, three lots and nine room house, a snap at \$10,000, on easy terms. Wm. W. Moore or T. C. Johnston, Room 4, Mahon Block. Phone 427.

ROSS STREET, Four Bay, lot 52415, cheap at \$200; \$250 cash handles this. T. C. Johnston, Room 4, Mahon Block. Phone 427.

I WANT TO BUY from owner large lot, suitable for workshop, must be close in and on easy terms; can pay \$1,000 cash, balance at interest. Send particulars to Box 235, care of Times Office.

CARELESSNESS—Has the Superintendent of Education forgotten that he published in the Public School Reports the name Miss McKenzie, of Courtney, as having passed the entrance examination, and that the Minister of Education told the Legislature last session it was a clerical error, as she had not passed? J. N. Muir.

CHRISTMAS SNAP—Modern 8 room house on Cornorant street, close to Blanchard, for only \$3,500, on terms. Compare this with the properties on the street. T. P. McConnell, Suite 404, Pemberton Block.

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\$500—\$9 CASH, balance monthly, buys a lot, Hulton street, 50x150 ft., to lane. Near Real Estate, 26 Yates St.

HOUSE, 6 rooms, Davis street, lot 9x125 ft., house all modern, a bargain, \$2,600; \$400 cash. Northwest Real Estate, 708 Yates street.

WELLINGTON STREET—Lot, near Fairholme, 1-3 cash. Northwest Real Estate, 708 Yates street.

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GOOD 10-FOOT LOT on Fairfield road, between Trutch street and Linden avenue; this choice residential property only \$2,000. A. W. Bridgman, 1007 Government street.

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WANTED—Lots to sell. Let me have a list of what you have as I have customers. J. R. Wescott, Room 1, Moody Block, 625 Yates street. Phone 1631.

FOR SALE—Pair of well matched young horses, mare and gelding, 1,100 lbs. each. Apply 44 Kingston street.

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Notice is hereby given that on Monday, the 26th day of December, 1910, at the City Pound, Chambers Street, at the hour of 12 o'clock noon, I shall sell by Public Auction the following animals, viz.: Two Black Horses, unless the said animals are redeemed and the pound charges paid at, or before, the time of sale.

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MINISTER RETURNING.

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Dec. 21.—Hon. Rudolph Buxton, who represented Canada at the opening of the parliament of United South Africa, will be back in Ottawa shortly for the House opens in January. He will be in Paris next week.

DRAMATIC CENSORS.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 22.—Every play staged in a Los Angeles theatre must be

subjected to the criticisms of a board of municipal censors, according to plans being considered by Prosecuting Attorney Guy Eddy.

—Baby plates 50c, 25c and 10c; children's enamel cups, saucers and plates 25c, 50c and 75c; knife, fork and spoon 25c to \$2.00; boy's pocket knives 10c to \$1.50. R. A. Brown & Co., 1802 Douglas street.

—Steitz Restaurant is still in business at 570 Yates Street.

GEORGE E. TRUMBULL COMES TO THE GRAND

D. B. Worley, After Short Stay, to Manage Sullivan & Considine Los Angeles House.

D. B. Worley, who has been acting manager of the Grand since the retirement of Robert Jamieson, left Victoria yesterday afternoon to assume the management of the Sullivan & Considine theatre in Los Angeles, and his place here has been given to one of the foremost managers on Sullivan & Considine's western circuit, Geo. E. Trumbull.

Mr. Trumbull assumed control of the Grand yesterday, coming here from the Majestic theatre at Seattle. The Sullivan & Considine bookings for next year, said Mr. Trumbull yesterday, are better than ever before and some of the finest acts on the road will be shown at the Grand during 1911.

During Mr. Worley's stay here he has become very popular and had several friends down to the boat yesterday afternoon to see him take his departure and wish him the compliments of the season.

FRENCH AVIATORS BREAK RECORDS

Birdman Flies 322 Miles Without Alighting—Officer's Flight With Passenger

Paris, Dec. 2.—By flying 322 miles without alighting, Le Ganeux, a French aviator, yesterday broke the world's record for long distance sustained flights. His time for the flight was 5 hours 59 minutes. Unless his record is beaten by January 1 next, Le Ganeux will win the \$4,000 Michelin cup. He used a Bleriot monoplane.

Carries Passengers.
Chalons, France, Dec. 22.—A new world's record for a non-stop passenger-carrying flight was made here yesterday when Lieut. Cammerman, of the French army aviation corps, accompanied by Capt. Hugon, flew 145 miles without alighting.

The flight was made at the order of the minister of war and is an official record. The start was made from Chalons, and the aviators flew to Montigny-sur-Aube, 73 miles away, the turning point. Counting deviations from the course, the aeroplane really covered more than 145 miles, although that is the record with which it will be credited. The time for the flight was 4 hours and 3 minutes.

MANY WITNESSES

WILL TESTIFY

Inquiry Into Chinese Immigration is in Progress at Vancouver

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 22.—The Trades and Labor council is about to take an active part in the inquiry into Chinese immigration. When the commission resumed work yesterday at the detention shed, Gordon Grant, in company with J. H. McVety, presented himself as counsel for the labor organization and wanted to submit a list of names of witnesses whom the council thought might aid the work of the inquiry. He assented to the request that he first communicate the nature of his information privately. The witnesses are believed to be political leaders who had the naming of immigration officers.

Yipp Sang, uncle of Yipp On, the suspended interpreter, looked in casually and was making his exit when he was recalled and asked to give some information of the intentions of the interpreter, who is suspected of being an arch conspirator.

The witness on the stand is acting Chief Landing Watter Fagan, and it is the intention of the crown counsel, Mr. McCrossan, to search the records of each liner carrying Chinese immigrants from as far back as 1907, and it may result in the knowledge that Yipp On not only was responsible for the admission of many, but was the cause of the rejection of some for personal reasons.

LARGEST SHIP BUILT IN CANADA.

Collingwood, Ont., Dec. 21.—The Emperor, the largest ship ever built in Canada, was launched at the yards of the Collingwood Shipbuilding Company. J. S. Playfair, of Midland, father of James Playfair, of the Inland Line, Ltd., for which company the ship was built, christened the big boat as she took the water.

The Emperor is 525 feet in length, 56 feet beam and 31 feet moulded depth, with side ballast tanks and double bottom. She is constructed on the arch and web frame system, and has thirty cargo hatches. The vessel was built on the Collingwood Shipbuilding Company's new building berth, and launched into the new concrete drydock, which is the second drydock at this plant, and which has the distinction of having the widest gate of any dock in the British colonies, namely, 100 feet.

HAVE THEM IN SEPia.

Your own or the baby's photo taken at the Ekeene Lowe studio and finished in Sepia will solve the Xmas present question. Studio, Yates and Douglas, over Cochrane's.



ROUTINE BUSINESS OF LABOR COUNCIL

J. A. Turner, Mayoral Candidate, Answers Questions and Gets Vote of Thanks

Several matters of importance to labor unions came before the Trades and Labor Council last night at a meeting held in the Trades hall, Douglas street, with President J. C. Walters presiding. Credentials were presented by A. C. Chialot, delegate from the Typographical Union, and J. A. Turner, mayoral candidate, was heard.

Delegate Ryan announced that the charter and seal of the Plasterers' Union had arrived and that the Plasterers' Union would meet in the hall Thursday night to elect officers and receive the charter.

The steam engineers met last Monday, and President Walters announced last night that the outcome of the meeting was the decision to apply for a charter as a local of the International Steam Engineers.

P. M. Draper, secretary of the Labor Congress executive, wrote saying that the resolutions passed by the Victoria Labor Council in favor of government construction, ownership and operation of dry docks, was approved by the executive, and copies had been forwarded to the Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

A vote of thanks was accorded G. H. Barnard, M. P., for a copy of Hansard and a copy of his bill re fishermen's licenses. The Dominion Trades and Labor Congress will be written to and asked to support the bill.

The support of the members of the B. C. legislature will be asked for Alphonse Verville's 3 hours bill.

The secretary acknowledged bound volumes of the Labor Gazette from W. E. Ditchburn. A list of fair union houses was received from the secretary of the Barters' Union. Thomas Gough, of the Empire cigar store, was thanked for services and awarded a Christmas gift.

J. A. Turner, the mayoral candidate, was heard, and replied to a list of questions, his replies being satisfactory to the audience. He said he was in favor of an eight hour day, with a wage scale of \$2.75 minimum for laborers on civic work. He favored day labor in civic work provided that all employees earned the wages paid. He favored a preference of union men resident in Victoria for work as against imported labor. Other questions answered apparently satisfactorily to the audience were:

Are you in favor of a system of promotion from among the civic employees consistent with ability and efficiency and in accordance with length of service?

Are you in favor of securing civic supplies when possible manufactured under union or fair conditions?

Are you in favor of the municipal council passing a by-law providing for the examination and registration of journeymen plumbers?

The candidate said he saw no reason why the civic employees should not be paid weekly if it was the general wish. The speaker was thanked for attending.

ELUDE ENRAGED MOBS.

Deputy Sheriffs Succeeded in Placing Suspected Murderer in Jail.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 21.—Nathan Montague, a negro suspected of murdering three persons at Durham, arrived here to-day in custody of a sheriff's posse, which eluded a half dozen mobs bent on lynching him en route. Montague, it is charged, entered the home of Leyton Sanders, a farmer, near Durham, slew Sanders and his grandchild, two years old, attacked Mina Sanders, his daughter, and then cut her throat.

Mobs of farmers made desperate attempts to catch Montague. After his arrest he was taken to Durham and from there was brought to Raleigh when a mob was reported forming to lynch him. Montague was placed in the North Carolina state prison. He was rushed here in an automobile.

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Our Neckwear Section offers many dainty and novel pieces at an unusually wide range of prices, such as Jabots in fine embroidered lawns, with lace trimmings, from \$1.25 to **35c**
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Children's Umbrellas at 75c

Gloves

Not only are Gloves most appropriate for Xmas giving, but they are one of the little details of dress which the careful person feels must be correct. Many comparisons have proved that the Gloves we sell are not only of the finest quality, but they fit perfectly. Sometimes you can save a little. For instance, we are offering a splendid line of French Kid Gloves which regularly sell at \$1.25, for **\$1.00**

Children's Section

Many things are here to make the "tot" look sweet at Xmas time as well as other times.

Lawn and Muslin Dresses, Shortening Dresses, Coats, Wool Jackets, Boots, Mitts, Gaiters, Overalls, Bonnets, etc.

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Ostrich Feather Boas, in black and white, each \$22.50 to **\$10.50**

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Marabout Stoles, six strand, 2 1/2 yards in length, in navy, green and taupe. Each **\$6.75**

Marabout Stoles, trimmed with ribbon, in black, grey and brown, \$9 and **\$7.50**

Have You Forgotten Anybody?

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Hearth Rugs, \$8.10 to **\$1.35**

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Parlor Sets, \$133 to **\$23**

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U. S. SENATOR EXONERATED.

Committee Which Investigated Charges of Bribery in Illinois Present Reports.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—Exonerating Senator William Lorimer of Illinois of charges of bribery in connection with his election to the United States, the committee on elections and privileges filed its formal report yesterday. The charges were investigated at hearings held by a sub-committee of the full committee. Senators Beveridge of Indiana and Frazier of Tennessee did not sign the report.

"In the opinion of the committee, Senator Lorimer's title to his seat in the senate has not been shown to be

vitiated by the use or employment of corrupt methods or practices," the report says. "The committee asks to be excused from further consideration of the case."

Senator Burrows, Depew, Dillingham, Gamble, Heyburn and Bulkley, Republicans, and Bailey, Baynter, Johnston and Fletcher, Democrat members, signed the report.

FIGHT OVER CAR FARES.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 22.—Patrons of the Seattle, Renton and Southern line will be able to ride for five cents hereafter anywhere within the city limits, provided they buy commutation tickets in lots of 50 for \$1.

This was decided by Judge Gilliam after listening to arguments all day on the

junction proceedings instituted by company to restrain the passengers from refusing to leave the cars upon payment of a second nickel at Orchard Beach and a third nickel at Taylor's mill.

The restraining order is not dissolved but the court ruled that the Crawford interests had no right to take from the people privileges originally enjoyed.

TWELVE LIVES LOST.

London, Dec. 21.—The Swedish steamer Cadiz has been wrecked near the coast of Sweden. Twelve persons drowned, including all the officers. Cadiz, which was of 1,100 tons, was bound for Stockholm.

—E. T. C. A. cases of cruelty, ph. Inspector J. Smith, No. 1211.

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Owing to the rapidly increasing circulation of the Times and the growing demands for space, it has become absolutely necessary to place a limit upon the time at which changes for advertisements will be accepted and guaranteed publication. Copy for changes must be handed in to the business office not later than 5 p. m. the previous day.

Arrangements for the insertion of new advertisements must be made before 10 a. m. day of publication. Classified advertisements before 2 p. m.

The above rules are made for the benefit of readers of the Times, who insist upon the paper being delivered as early in the evening as possible.

ABOUT OURSELVES.

When the Times five years ago installed a Hoe rotary printing press of a capacity of ten thousand papers, folded and ready for delivery, per hour, it was thought provision had been made for all possible requirements for a much longer period than half a decade. But events have demonstrated that the publishers propose and his patrons disapprove. The business of the Times during the short term mentioned outgrew not only the capacity of the Hoe press; it increased beyond the accommodations provided in the old building on Broad street.

A couple of years ago the fact became apparent that in order to meet the rapid growth of business a new building would soon become an absolute necessity. Acting on this, arrangements were made which culminated in the erection of the structure from which the paper was issued for the first time in complete form yesterday. We had hoped that the process of removal from the old building to the new would be accomplished with the least possible interruption of business. But again our well-laid plans went "awry." The great fire which destroyed half a block upset our calculations.

However, we believe that at last our tribulations, the complaints of subscribers about the late delivery of the paper, and the grievances of advertisers over the non-publication of their announcements, are nearly at an end. The wheels will soon be turning rapidly and smoothly in our new office (one of the best and handsomest on the continent.) By the end of the year we hope to have all departments of the paper doing business in the new establishment at the corner of Fort and Broad streets.

The new Goss press, with a speed just one-third greater and in size just one-third larger than the one-time much admired Hoe machine, does not represent all the improvements which have been made in our mechanical equipment. The capacity of the composing room has been increased in a corresponding ratio. A complete new outfit of type has been purchased. Everything in the office is new, up-to-date and of the best quality procurable. These improvements represent a heavy expenditure of capital, but they also represent our faith in the future of Victoria.

FRUIT EXHIBITIONS AND LAND SETTLEMENT.

We have received from England a marked copy of the London Times, sent by courtesy of the Agent-General for British Columbia in London. This newspaper tells of the opening of the Exhibition of Colonial Fruits by the Royal Horticultural Society at St. Vincent Square, Westminster. There were 1,100 boxes of British Columbia apples staged. These filled one-third of the total space available and weighed 20 tons. The display is spoken of as the finest collection of apples ever exhibited in Britain. Besides the Hogg Memorial Medal, which was won by the province, the Vancouver Island district was granted a Banksian Medal for apples.

We must congratulate the Provincial Government on the fine exhibit made. Sir Edward Grey, in opening the show, spoke of the special distinction the British Columbia fruit had won, while New Brunswick and the West Indies had also sent some excellent fruit. The advertising British Columbia is getting from this fruit is a splendid thing, and should benefit the province as a whole by promoting a large amount of immigration into the country of those who are prepared to go into the fruit growing business. Many of the people who are thus induced to come here will purchase orchards or vacant lands, but

many will come with smaller sums of money and ready to go farther afield and new out farms for themselves from the forest. For these we ask the Government to make provision. We have already suggested that land sales should be stopped and that all public lands left should be reserved for actual settlers, to whom it may be given free of all cost under conditions of settlement. Further than this, determined efforts should be made to survey the lands and to have the descriptions of each quarter section on file, so that intending settlers may be able to secure the necessary information without going on wild goose chases through the country. It is a pity that the Liberal opposition is at this time so small, as it would doubtless urge upon the Government the necessity of action. Mr. Brewster is a capable man, but he is only one. It remains with him, however, to bring this before the Government with all the force he can, and to insist that tying-up of the land shall cease. The soil here is proved to be fertile as any in the world; the fruit that we grow beats the world; and it is being well advertised. It is now for the Government to perform its part when the people come here looking for the land and are ready to use it. The person or firm that advertises, but does not "deliver the goods," gets little return. The same applies to the province. It is foolish to spend large sums in order to win general approbation unless the land can be supplied to those who come for it.

BERKELEY UNIVERSITY RUGBY TEAM.

The Berkeley University Rugby team is expected to arrive to-night in readiness for the first match for the Keith cup, which will be played for here on Monday next. We extend a hearty welcome to the California men, and almost regret that we cannot wish them success in their efforts to capture the trophy. At any rate we hope they will spend a very merry Christmas among us, and it will not be the fault of the people of Victoria, we feel sure, if they do not. We can assure the students that they will be given some good sport, and that they have a stiff fight ahead of them if they expect to carry the silver away. This is what they want. This is what we all want. A good contest is always worth watching, even if we lose. Still we expect to win. We feel sure that we have the men who ought to win.

This visit of the university men from California is a great event in the history of the city. It is, we believe, the first time they have had to compete with the Victoria team for the cup. Victorians generally will extend the victors a hearty welcome, and next week will turn out in thousands to see the games. Victorians enjoy watching Rugby football better than any other winter game, but the brand of football that will be seen on this occasion should be far above the average, and for that reason the attendance will be larger than ever before. Many Vancouver enthusiasts will be over for the holidays to swell the ranks. We hope all will join in letting the university lads feel that their presence is welcome here, and that the better they play the game the better we shall like them.

Hon. Richard McBride, we are told, has become a patron of the Golden Conservative Association. This is very suggestive.

The street car strike at Winnipeg must be a serious matter to the business interests of that city. Women who are the chief shoppers will not go to town unless there is some way of riding.

Victoria is not quite seventy years of age, so the residents cannot yet be afflicted with very stale eggs. They are not stale, comparatively speaking. One has just been dug up in Germany that is estimated to be nearly two thousand years old. It was found in some Roman ruins.

An indication of the prosperity of the country is the announcement that the receipts of the B. C. Electric railway for the year ending June 30th last showed an increase of 21 per cent. Part of this increase will be distributed among the employees, who in this company are given a share of the profits.

Collingwood, Ontario, leads the Dominion in the size of vessels it is building. It has launched a steel freighter 325 feet in length, which when completed, will have thirty hatches. The growth of Canadian industries is of interest to all Canadians. While we are proud of the West, we are glad to see the East prosper.

Toronto is to embark in the publicity business once more. There was formerly a publicity bureau in connection with the civic government, but it had fallen into disuse. Now it is proposed to revive it. Evidently the people of Toronto feel, as we do, that this is a phase of civic work which is necessary in order to keep pace with other parts of the country.

certainly be an infringement of the liberty of the subject for the Lord's Day Alliance to try to interfere in such questions. We admit the right to stop Sunday labor as much as possible, but blue laws never did any good anywhere.

Mr. Turner has shown his intention of conducting an active majority campaign by appearing before the Trades and Labor Council and laying his views before the representatives of the workmen. Apparently the municipal fight is on. As soon as the holidays are over the interest in the campaign will increase. Should Mr. Stewart definitely decide to enter the field, the position will become more complicated, although perhaps not less interesting.

SIX MONTHS FOR BOGUS BILL MAN

John Strokos Arrested Last Night Passing Bad Money in Chinese Lottery Games

John Strokos, a Norwegian, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment this morning by Magistrate Jay in the police court, having been found guilty of passing bogus bills in Victoria yesterday afternoon. Last summer a man victimized many of the storekeepers here in a similar manner, and the police believe Strokos to be the same individual.

When arrested yesterday afternoon he had in his possession four \$5 bills on the Peninsula Bank, Detroit; one each \$1, \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills on the State Bank of New Brunswick; one \$2 bill on the Bullion Bank of Washington, D. C., and a \$5 bill on the Valley Bank of Maryland, totalling \$63. The bills were secreted in his clothes.

Some of the certificates were neither signed or countersigned, while others were countersigned with an indolible name, and all were of flimsy make much unlike regular bank note paper.

Strokos arrived here from Seattle yesterday afternoon and took a room at the Wilson hotel, Yates street. From there he went to Chinatown and played the Chinese lottery run by the chief witness this morning, Quong Shon, giving a \$5 Peninsula Bank bill and receiving \$4.50 in change. At Chinese stores he bought trifles, and received change. Last night he went back to the lottery game with another bogus bill, but the proprietor had meantime discovered the bill handed him in the afternoon was bad and conducted Strokos up the street until he met a detective.

Strokos this morning said he had received the Peninsula bill from a man in Seattle in payment of a debt, and the others he had found some months ago in a drawer of a room he occupied at the Grand Central hotel, Seattle. He admitted that he was in Victoria during last summer, and he is believed to be the man who passed a number of bogus bills here then, as the date he gave of being possession of the bills in Seattle tally with about the date on which they were passed here.

Strokos came to Victoria yesterday on a flying trip, bringing no baggage, evidently intending to do the Chinatown district for all it would stand, and get out by the first available boat.

DEPOSED KING MANUEL WILL VISIT CANADA

Intends to Tour World After Attending Lectures at Oxford

(Times Local Wire.) London, Dec. 22.—The deposed King of Portugal, Manuel, after going to live in a house recently rented for him at Richmond, will attend lectures at Oxford, it was learned to-day.

Manuel will not attempt to take a degree, but after a short course of instruction will make a tour of the world, visiting Africa, Australia, Canada, the United States and the Far East.

Manuel is said to be firm in the belief that some day he will regain his lost throne, and his present plan is to equip himself thoroughly for such a contingency.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. Edwin Dalley, Garbally road, will not be at home to-morrow, but will receive on the fourth Friday in January.

The Berkeley Rugby team will arrive here this evening by the S. S. Queen from San Francisco and will be met by representatives of the Victoria Rugby Union and conveyed in a special car to the Oak Bay hotel, which they will make their headquarters during their stay here.

Mr. Ross Ogilvie Todd and Miss Mary Elizabeth Kirby, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Kirby, were joined in the holy bonds of matrimony last evening at the residence of the bride's parents, 710 Market street. Rev. Mr. Anderson was the officiating clergyman. Miss Mason acted as bridesmaid and the groom was assisted by Mr. Edward Keen. Mr. and Mrs. Todd have taken up their residence at 44 San Juan avenue, Jame Bay.

After having her hull scraped and cleaned at Esquimalt, the G. T. P. steamer Prince Rupert tied up at the company's dock this morning. Her interior will now be given attention and when ready for the Hawaii excursion she will be in first class condition.

STEWART MINING CLAIMS IN COURT

Litigation Over Claims Now Bonded for Sum of \$10,000

Mr. Justice Gregory has reserved judgment in the action of Barnds and Green, in which the ownership of the Junble and Ben Bolt claims in the Stewart mining district, are at stake. The defendant had as a partner one Silverman, who became insolvent and whose estate was placed in the hands of an assignee by the New York court. The plaintiff, Barnds, purchased from the assignee Silverman's share in the claims at Stewart, and meantime Green continued the assessment work. The B. C. statute provides that if one partner does the assessment work and the other partner fails to pay his share in a certain time the latter forfeits his interest.

This is claimed by the defence, while the plaintiff claims he tendered the amount due to the defendant prior to the expiration of the required time for payment. In evidence it was stated that Barnds purchased his interest from the assignee for \$250. The claims have since been bonded by Green for \$20,000, making the half share worth \$10,000. Both parties to the action are Seattle men. The plaintiff is represented by E. V. Bodwell, K.C., of Bodwell & Lawson, and the defendants by A. E. McPhillips, K.C., and E. P. Davis, K.C. The Christmas legal vacation will commence on December 24th and conclude on January 3rd.

The January sittings of the county court have been set to commence January 9th.

MISS LENA DUTHIE'S COSTUME RECITAL

Miss Lena Duthie, the popular Celtic entertainer with song and story, who has already proven her quality to the entire satisfaction of Victoria Scots and Irishmen in previous appearances, comes this evening to Institute hall, supported by Miss Margaret Daniell at the piano. Miss Duthie presents a recital that is altogether unique in its character. She is a finished monologist, blending interesting information as to Scottish and Irish types and character with amusing anecdotes and sketches, varied with a plenteous of splendid Scottish and Irish songs, given in costume. The programme is in three parts, and both as a vocalist of conspicuous ability and as a story-teller Miss Duthie occupies a place in art that is altogether her own and wholly creditable. The entertainment this evening will probably be attended by both the Lieutenant-Governor and the Premier, as they have taken tickets. The programme opens with Scotch songs and sketches, the second part deals with Irish folk lore and songs, and the concluding part will be given in Newhaven fishwife's attire, dealing with Edinboro' and the picturesque fishing folk of the near-by coast.

BUBONIC PLAGUE RAGES IN MONGOLIA

Scores of Deaths Reported Daily—Bodies Found in Nomad Camps

(Times Local Wire.) Hongkong, Dec. 22.—Unchecked by modern methods of sanitation or medical skill, the bubonic plague is raging in Mongolia and scores are dying each day, according to advices reaching here to-day. Corpses frequently are found where the nomads have camped, according to the dispatches.

In Manchuria the plague is reported to be grave.

The German consul has demanded that radical measures be taken to end the epidemic. He declares that unless the authorities act on his demand that the German government will interfere.

From the latter part of October to December 16, 541 Chinese were stricken by the plague, and 27 Russians within the precincts of the eastern Chinese railroad have died.

Practically all of the Chinese who were stricken have also succumbed to the ravages of the disease.

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Yesterday brought many new arrivals in the most attractive Evening Gowns. Each model is distinctive and the creation of the best makers. The gowns are made of soft satins, silk chiffon over satin, combinations of chiffon and rich silks, beaded nets and lace over Paisley silk, in styles that are very simply or elaborately trimmed.

Prices: \$35.00 to \$75.00

Christmas Jewellery

GOLD PLATE BUCKLES, PLAIN BARS, VEIL PINS, ENAMEL VEIL PINS, dainty colors, also souvenir Pins. Price, each 25c

ENAMEL SAFETY BROOCHES AND MEDALLION, also a large selection of Roman gold Brooch Bars and Beauty Pins, set with brilliants. Each in holly box. Price 50c

BROOCHES of rolled gold, in coil, rope and reproductions of old-fashioned designs, set with amethysts, brilliants or pearls. Each in holly gift box. 75c

ORIENTAL PEARL NECKLETS, of fine lustre, pearls in graduated sizes, strong clasps, mounted in brilliants. Regular values \$2. \$1.00

BAROQUE PEARL NECKLETS, of fine lustre pearls, each in silk-lined gift box. Price \$2.00

BAROQUE PEARL NECKLETS, in silk-lined box. Regular \$5. 25 only, \$2.50

SILVER BROOCHES, mounted with cut Scotch pebbles, with an amethyst cut in to represent a thistle. \$1.00

SCOTCH PEBBLE BROOCHES, large size. Each in gift box \$2.50

HAT PINS, brilliants, jet and fancy stone pins. Each in gift box. Special 25c

HAT PINS in many designs and settings. Prices range \$3 to 50c

STERLING SILVER THIMBLES, all sizes, 75c, 50c and 35c

DRESSER SETS OF "SILVEROID" comprises brush, mirror and comb. Set, \$12

Waist and Dress Patterns

Here are some very special prices quoted on high class imported Dress Patterns: This offering embraces our entire assortment, and you will find the range exclusive, as in no case are there more than two of a pattern. Lengths 6 to 7 yards. To-day prices range from \$10 to \$3.00 a suit length.

30 ONLY LEFT, OF ALL WOOL DELAINE WAIST LENGTHS, 3 yards to a length, assorted patterns. To-day, per length \$1.00

Women's Boots on Sale, Friday, \$1.95

This is a splendid opportunity to secure a good pair of Shoes at a very low price: DONGOLA KID BLUCHER BOOTS, patent tips, military or low heels. Friday \$1.95

A Varied Selection of Toys, To-day, at 25c

Shooting Game, Dressed Dolls, Trumpets, Horns, Clarionettes, Organs, Accordions, Wool Rattles, Mechanical Toys, including Naughty Boys, Bally Mule, Fire Engine, Lightning Express, Trains, Peary's Trip to the North Pole, etc. Dolls' Tea Sets, in China and Tinware, Building Blocks, Teddy Bears, Christmas Tree Ornaments, etc. 25c

MECHANICAL TOYS—ALL PRICES

STATIONERY STEAM ENGINES, good working models. Prices ranging from \$35 to 75c

STATIONERY ENGINES, an exceptionally good working model \$6.75

BOATS OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS, CLOCKWORK TORPEDO BOATS, BATTLESHIPS, RACING BOATS, LINERS and LAUNCHES. Prices range 75c to \$7.50

MOTOR CARS, AUTO BUSES, TAXICABS, AUTO FIRE ENGINES, etc. Prices range \$10.50 to 50c

DAVID SPENCER, LIMITED

TRAVERS REMANDED.

(Special to the Times.) Toronto, Ont., Dec. 22.—Manager Travers, of defunct Farmers' Bank, pleaded not guilty in the police court this morning to a charge of falsifying the bank returns to the government, and was remanded to December 30.

It was reported among financial men this morning that the exposures likely to come as a result of the examination of the Farmers' Bank officers would show the bank to be much more heavily involved with one or more mining concerns that has yet appeared. Carter Clarkson will not say what amount is involved.

RACE SEGREGATION ACT.

Baltimore, Dec. 22.—Henceforth no white person may move into a block in Baltimore where the majority of the residents of that block are negroes, nor may a negro move into a block where the majority of the residents are white. This is the mandate laid down in the so-called E. H. West race segregation ordinance which was signed by Mayor Mahool yesterday. It is expected that the act will be taken to the courts to test its constitutionality.

Oil Heaters Make Good Gifts

Most acceptable because so useful in this country. The heat always on tap when you want it; then, being portable, they can be carried from setting room to bedroom—a point in their favor. Our prices, \$7.00, \$6.25 and \$5.00. Plenty of the best Christmas present suggestions here. Come in and look around. Glad to see you.

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SEWING SETS, \$3.00, \$2.25 and \$1.50
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PEARL-HANDLED KNIFE, FORK AND SPOON, in case \$3.00 and \$2.75
KNIFE, FORK AND SPOON on card \$1.00
SCISSORS SET, three pairs in pretty case, \$4 and \$2.50
POCKET KNIVES, 100 different kinds, suitable for a lady, a man or boy, \$3.75 to 20c
ELECTRIC IRONS, fancy Coal Hods, Jardinieres, Trays, Tea Pots, etc. Look around here and you'll soon find out what to give.
BRASS KETTLES, \$5.00 to 60c
DINNER KNIVES, the set, \$6.25 to \$3.75
DESSERT KNIVES, set, \$5.00 to \$2.75
ROGERS' FAMOUS 1847 PLATWARE: Tea Spoons, Dessert Spoons, Dessert Forks, Table Forks, Table Spoons, etc., at popular prices.
CASES OF CUTLERY, a splendid range. Goods that would last for generations, \$48.50 to \$9.50
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Collar Cases and Collar Boxes, \$3.50 to \$12.50
Shaving Sets from \$3.75
Corkscrews, in attractive cases, Price \$1.75
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It is said the popularity of palms is increasing. We think the most common variety this season is the outstretched one. If it's the palm of an invalid, a business man, society woman or the "home angel," why not give a

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Pacific Transfer Company,
Phone 240, 50 Fort St.

You can deposit your money at 4 per cent. interest with The B. C. Permanent Loan Company and be able to withdraw the total amount or any portion thereof without notice. Cheques are supplied to each depositor. Paid up capital over \$1,000,000; assets over \$2,500,000. Branch office, 1210 Government Street, Victoria, B. C.

Leslie's Voice Production and Singing, given by Paul Edmonds, of London and Paris, baritone with Tetrazzini on her last British tour. Studio at Walt's Piano Stores.

Local storekeepers report that the "shop early" admonition to Christmas purchasers is being observed this year to a greater extent than ever before.

This fact is very gratifying to the various staffs of clerks, who ordinarily look upon the advent of the holiday season with feelings akin to dread and apprehension, in view of the long hours imposed upon them during the rush of the last few days.

Arrow and Brown, two seamen who deserted from H. M. S. Egeria, were recaptured yesterday by the city police and turned over to the naval authorities. The first-named has an alias, "Leslie," and he was found to have added to the duplicate record of his service entries to the effect that he was the possessor of a medal for life-saving and that his conduct had been exceptionally good.

The stamp wicket at the post office will remain open each night till 9.30 o'clock until the end of the week in order to meet the heavy demand.

The Ladies of the Macabees, Victoria Hive, L. O. T. M., have an energetic committee at work preparing for the annual ball, to take place in A. O. U. W. hall on January 22.

The twenty-first anniversary celebration of Conqueror Juvenile Temple, No. 7, International Order of Good Templars, will be held at the Soldiers and Sailors' Home, Esquimalt, on Wednesday, December 28.

Possibly in no other city on the coast is as much civic work in progress as in Victoria. At the present time at least 500 men are employed by the city on various undertakings, 120 being engaged in sewer construction in the Hollywood section.

Capital Furniture Co.'s store open every evening.

The annual Christmas tree will be held at the B. C. Orphan's Home on Thursday, December 23, from 3 to 6 p. m. The children, kindly instructed by H. J. Pollard, are preparing a bright programme of songs and recitations. A cordial invitation is extended by the committee to all interested in the home. Tea will be served during the afternoon. Gifts for the tree will be gratefully received at the home by the matron.

"SUNKIST" ORANGES.

The first direct car of Southern California Navel Oranges reached the city yesterday for Peterson Bros., Yates St.

They are the famous "Sunkist" brand, which are now so well and favorably known here. The fruit is highly colored and sweet and will no doubt be in strong demand for the holiday trade.

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The Ladies of the Macabees, Victoria Hive, L. O. T. M., have an energetic committee at work preparing for the annual ball, to take place in A. O. U. W. hall on January 22.

The twenty-first anniversary celebration of Conqueror Juvenile Temple, No. 7, International Order of Good Templars, will be held at the Soldiers and Sailors' Home, Esquimalt, on Wednesday, December 28.

Possibly in no other city on the coast is as much civic work in progress as in Victoria. At the present time at least 500 men are employed by the city on various undertakings, 120 being engaged in sewer construction in the Hollywood section.

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The annual Christmas tree will be held at the B. C. Orphan's Home on Thursday, December 23, from 3 to 6 p. m. The children, kindly instructed by H. J. Pollard, are preparing a bright programme of songs and recitations. A cordial invitation is extended by the committee to all interested in the home. Tea will be served during the afternoon. Gifts for the tree will be gratefully received at the home by the matron.

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The first direct car of Southern California Navel Oranges reached the city yesterday for Peterson Bros., Yates St.

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JURY'S VERDICT FOR JAMES BOON UPHELD

Statute of Limitations, Pleaded in Debt Case, Fails—New Trial for Iman Din

Mr. Justice Gregory yesterday handed down judgment in the action of Boon against Brown and McCabe, giving judgment for plaintiff for \$1,000 and costs, the sum awarded by the jury last week.

James Boon, who was employed loading last July at the ship Elginshire at the Sayward mill wharf, and while in the hold of the vessel, through negligence on the part of the defendant company, it was claimed, was injured by falling timber, as a result of which he lost a toe and received other injuries. The jury found for him, after an absence of five hours. The defence then raised the legal part that plaintiff could not succeed at common law, and on this point Mr. Justice Gregory reserved his judgment, after the verdict of the jury had been given.

J. A. Aikman appeared for the plaintiff and S. S. Taylor, K. C., Vancouver, for the defendant company.

Mr. Justice Gregory also gave judgment in the defendant's appeal in Goodacre & Sons vs. Simpson, affirming the decision of Judge Lampan at the County court trial. The defendant pleaded non-liability under the statute of limitations, but both courts held that as he had made payments on account through a collector within the six years he had kept the debt alive.

Both parties to the action are butchers, and both employed a collector to collect debts. The defendant owed money to the plaintiff, and when asked for it by the collector, instructed him to pay in to the firm from the money the collector received from customers for the defendant. The collector paid to Goodacre & Sons \$11.65 collected for the defendant, and it was this payment which kept the debt alive.

H. B. Robertson appeared for the plaintiff and J. A. Aikman for the defendant.

The Court of Appeal has ordered a new trial in the case of Iman Din, a Hindu, who was convicted at the Vancouver County court criminal sessions of an indecent assault on a boy of tender years. The appellant claimed there was no corroboration of the evidence on which the conviction was based, and the Appeal court has upheld the contention. The boy was too young to take an oath. The accused had been sentenced to ten years' imprisonment by Judge MacInnes, J. A. Tussell, Vancouver, appeared for the accused, and H. A. Maclean, K. C., for the crown.

A MYSTERY IN VICTORIA

It's all very well for our contemporary to report that which of itself was very evident to passers-by. We mean yesterday's blockade on Government street through the belated Christmas delivery of the famous Heintzman & Co. store, the finest shipment ever delivered in this city and to be sold at cost; but did our contemporary notice the arrival of a small case, securely banded, hooped with iron, closely guarded and carried into the store by two men? Such an unusual incident excited our curiosity, for there's evidently a mystery concerning it, as all the information we could secure was: Just wait and see; something the public cannot do without, and we are going to give. Did you hear, give it away maybe to Friday's, but certainly to Saturday's customers, partly as a Christmas gift, but more of a souvenir of our quitting business? Yes, we'll announce it in to-morrow's issue of your journal.

The great Victoria, B. C. film at the Majestic theatre is drawing a big crowd and is worth seeing. Last night, change Friday.

Save money on your Xmas present by purchasing something useful from the Capital Furniture Co.

MARU BRINGS BALL PLAYERS

CHICAGO UNIVERSITY
TEAM HAD FINE TRIP

Lost but One Game in Orient—
Valuable Silk Shipment on
Kamakura Maru

Bringing over \$1,000,000 worth of silk, besides a large general cargo, and the members of the University of Chicago baseball team, who have been touring Japan and the Philippine Islands, the big Nippon Yusen Kaisha steamship Kamakura Maru, Capt. J. Nagao, arrived in port early this morning after a sixteen-day passage across the Pacific, accomplished in fine weather, with the exception of the first three days out, when strong head winds were encountered.

After a six-month sojourn in the land of the rising sun, the University "ball-tossers" are returning to their homes in Chicago. The trip undertaken by the Americans was successful in every particular, and out of the numerous games played in the East only one was lost. Although the Japanese are only beginners at the game, the Chicago boys give them credit for playing splendid ball, and state that it was only their own superior knowledge of the finer points of the game that brought them out on top in several of the matches. The games were mostly all-keenly contested, particularly the one in Manila, where the Yankees were beaten by one long run.

All the players were loud in praise of the treatment given them while in Japan. Entertainments of a most elaborate nature were rendered the visitors, and they were guests at many dinners. The returning ball artists state that baseball will next year be one of the leading games in Japan, as it is to be encouraged and promoted along vigorous lines in the colleges and other institutions. The members of the University team who returned on the Maru were: H. O. Page, F. A. Paul, R. W. Baird, O. B. Roberts, F. J. Collins, W. J. Sunderland and G. S. Roberts. Two of the players remained in Manila, while the others returned via "Frisco."

Word was brought by the Maru that the general movement for the cutting off of general trade with China, which has been the policy of the people, but that the Chinese in the Philippines are much prejudiced against the idea. With his queue off the Chinaman looks much like a Filipino, and as the former is regarded as a better and more faithful worker than the latter, the Chinese residents of the American island will not, for this reason, cut their hair, as it is practically their only distinguishing mark.

The Maru had 315 tons of general freight for this port, including the following: 2,300 packages of Japanese oranges; 550 bags of sugar, 400 casks of soy, 1,150 bags of rice, 350 bags of beans, 200 casks of mink, 50 casks of potatoes, 135 casks of sake, 375 casks of pickles, 625 packages of curries and 550 packages of general merchandise. The cargo of silk, including 2,400 bales of silk amounting to \$1,000,000, is the most valuable to be brought from the Orient for some time, and will be routed through to New York. Her complete cargo was 2,300 tons.

Of the first-class passengers, Miss C. S. Lillington, Capt. F. W. Evans and E. J. Evans, left the steamship here, while Capt. W. Grimes, F. Helf, Mr. and Mrs. Van E. Moerkamp, F. Schrader, Mr. and Mrs. E. Satter, Mrs. J. E. and Mrs. R. Yokoyama and child went on to Seattle. Travelling as second-class passengers, Mrs. T. Hyodo and two children departed here. In the steerage there were 15 Japanese for Victoria, and for Seattle 25 Japanese, two Austrians, two Hindus and one American.

The big furniture removal sale of the Capital Furniture Co. continued daily, and the bargains are as interesting as at the commencement.

A service of songs will be conducted next Sunday evening at First Presbyterian church. As Christmas falls this year on Sunday, this service will be made instructive, enjoyable and devotional, in keeping with the advent season.

Besides the special meeting of the city council this evening there will be another special meeting of the same body to-morrow evening, this latter arrangement having been made on the advice of the city solicitor, who says that the Sooko by-law must be finally passed to-morrow night if it is to be submitted to a vote of the ratepayers on January 12, the date of the municipal elections.

Next Sunday evening a Christmas service of praise will be held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. A short organ recital will be given by the organist previous to the service, commencing at 7.10, when a number of appropriate selections will be given. In addition to the anthems by the choir solos will be rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred A. Codd, Mrs. Jesse Longfield, Miss Beek, E. J. Hearn, D. Angus, W. Melville and H. Morden.

A. J. Bracco, local treasurer of the Shaftesbury fund for Christmas dinners to poor London children acknowledged the following: Bible class Emmanuel Baptist church, \$4; Strawberry Vale Methodist S. S., \$5; Mrs. C. P. Bennet, \$1; Mrs. Richards, \$5; Mrs. James, \$5; St. Paul's Bible class, \$5.50; St. Paul's Presbyterian S. S., \$4.50; C.

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CHRISTIE'S MIXED BISCUITS, in fancy boxes.	35c
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WAGSTAFF'S OLD COUNTRY MINCEMEAT.	15c
Per pound	
LARGE NAVEL ORANGES.	25c
Per dozen, 35c and	
NICE TABLE APPLES.	\$1.25
Per box, \$1.50 and	
NEW MIXED NUTS.	20c
Per pound	
WETHEY'S PREPARED MINCEMEAT.	10c
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CHRISTMAS BON BONS OR CRACKERS.	25c
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NICE MALAGA GRAPES.	25c
Per pound	
CRYSTALIZED CHERRIES.	60c
Per pound	
NEW HALLOWI DATES.	10c
Per pound	
NEW FARD DATES.	15c
Per pound	
NEW CALIFORNIA TABLE RAISINS.	15c
Per pound	
SELECTED SPANISH TABLE RAISINS.	25c
Per pound, 35c and	
NEW SMYRNA TABLE FIGS.	15c
Per lb., 20c and	
NEW SMYRNA TABLE FIGS.	\$1.25
Ten-pound box	
SELECTED SHELLED ALMONDS OR WALNUTS.	40c
Per pound	
ANTI-COMBINE JELLY POWDER.	25c
Four pkts. for	

JELLO.	25c
Three packets for	
Another large shipment of FRENCH PEAS, just arrived.	25c
Two tins for	
CROSSE & BLACKWELL'S SOUP, all kinds.	30c
Per tin	
PURE GOLD PREPARED ICINGS.	10c
All kinds. Per packet	
NEW CALIFORNIA HONEY.	20c
Per comb	
NICE MEALY POTATOES.	\$1.75
Per 100-lb. sack	
FINEST GRANULATED SUGAR.	\$1.15
100-pound sack, \$5.50, or 20-pound sack	
ANTI-COMBINE TEA.	\$1.00
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BLUE LABEL CATSUP.	30c
Large bottle	
CANADA FIRST CREAM.	10c
Large 20-ounce can	
OGILVIE'S FAMOUS ROLLED OATS.	35c
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STANFORD TEAM.

Stanford University, Dec. 22.—Manager Burbank left Palo Alto, this morning and Coach Presley with the eighteen men who will compose the cardinal 'varsity Rugby' team to play Vancouver during the Christmas vacation. They are: Pitting, Sanborn, Partridge, Olmstead, Dolé, W. L. Smith, Baumgartner, Cheda, forwards; Sundell, wing forward; Caras, half; Frank, Harrigan, flies; Berryman, centre; Thoburn, Geisler, wings; Erb, full; Woodcock and Worswick, substitutes.

The team will reach Vancouver on Saturday, December 24. The men will have but one day to recover from the trip, as the first game is to be played on the following Monday. The remainder of the series will be spread out during the following seven days, matches being announced for December 29 and January 2.

A Turk holds that the day begins exactly at sunset. At that hour he sets his clocks and watches at the hour of twelve. A watch which could run for weeks without gaining or losing a minute, would therefore be of no special value to the Turk.

GEO. GRAY HELD TO BE BADLY TREATED

Australian Barred From Competing in Billiard Championship—English Comment

With the consistent and splendid form shown by George Gray, the young Australian, since he has been in England, it is a matter of regret that his contracts with two manufacturing firms should have made it impossible for him to enter for the championship this year, in which all the greatest players in England took part. A number of other professionals, including Stevenson and Inman, are under contract to play with certain balls and on certain tables, but in every instance they have reserved to themselves the right of playing without any restrictions for the championship, a point that appears to have been overlooked by his friends in Gray's case.

Not only has the young Australian been barred from championship honors but he has only been able to meet a few of the leading exponents of the game in England. It is rather significant that in the English press the possibility of the "one-shot game" being ruled out is being discussed. The "Daily News" regards this as a possibility of the near future, and expresses the wish that Gray for this reason had been able to enter the championship this year. The Billiards Control Club has said nothing on the question, but the first officer, the British Billiard Association, states, through the secretary, that there is no intention on the association's part of interfering with the unlimited losing hazard sequence. Gray's admirers, however, need have no uneasiness about his future. The sight, the nerve, and the perfect muscular control which have enabled him to pile up enormous breaks from the losing hazards will stand him in equal stead when he comes to cultivate the all-round game.

Following is a list of previous highest breaks by leading players: 595 Gray, 588 points; J. Roberts, 621

points; H. W. Stevenson, 502 points; E. Diggle, 791 points; C. Dawson, 748 points; T. Reece, 645 points; M. Inman, 625 points; T. Aitken, 577 points; C. Harverson, 557 points; F. Bateman, 545 points; F. Weiss, 541 points; A. E. Williams, 487 points; W. Cook, Jr., 476 points; W. A. Lovejoy, 463 points; W. Mitchell, 435 points; J. Mack, 394 points; B. Elphick, 343 points; W. Osborn, 325 points; J. Harris, 320 points; J. Duncan, 320 points; W. J. Peall, 195 points. Dawson made 823 under Rimmington-Wilson's rules in London, December 6, 1907.

HALF MILLION IN PURSES.

Schedule of Grand Circuit For 1911 With Amount of Purse Hung Up.

More than \$450,000 in purses was hung up by seventeen track managers at the annual meeting in Chicago of the Great Western Stewards, the biggest harness association in the United States.

George Keller, of Peoria, Ill., was re-elected president of the organization, and W. H. Smillinger, of Iron Mountain, Mo., secretary. The schedule for 1911, with amount of purses, is as follows:

Joliet, Ill., July 4 to 8, \$6,000.
Decatur, Ill., July 10 to 15, \$12,000.
Grand Rapids, Mich., July 17 to 22, \$35,000.
Kalamazoo, Mich., July 24 to 29, \$40,000.
Detroit, Mich., July 31 to August 5, \$40,000.
Cleveland, Ohio, August 7 to 12, \$38,000.
Peoria, Ill., August 14 to 19, \$15,000.
Galesburg, Ill., August 21 to 26, \$15,000.
Joliet, Ill., August 28 to September 2, \$10,000.
Hamline, Minn., September 11 to 15, \$20,000.
Milwaukee, Wis., September 11 to 16, \$25,000.
Columbus, Ohio, September 18 to 20, \$100,000.
Springfield, Ill., October 2 to 7, \$25,000.
Muskogee, Okla., October 9 to 13, \$10,000.
Dallas, Texas, October 16 to 20, \$20,000.
El Paso, Texas (state), October 30 to November 3, \$10,000.
Phoenix, Ariz., November 6 to 11, \$25,000.

One of the newest theories as to the cause of thunder is that the noise is due to the sudden explosion of masses of water vapor along the line of the electrical discharges.

ASSAULT-AT-ARMS WILL TAKE PLACE

Interest Being Manifested in Proposed Benefit for the Children's Aid Society

Great interest is being manifested locally in the proposed assault-at-arms for the benefit of the Children's Aid Society, which will take place in the near future.

The principal item on the programme will be a duel between the "Three Musketeers" and the "Cardinal's Guards." This scene, immortalized by Dumas, took place in Paris in the year 1689, during the reign of Louis XIV.

The costumes will be elaborate, and the rapier specially fashioned after the manner of that age. Major Bennett, Messrs. Booth, Irving and Crawford, and several others are interested in the affair, and all are sparing no energy to make it a huge success. Probably no other attempt has been made to reproduce this exciting encounter other than at his Majesty's theatre, Haymarket, London, in "The Musketeers," where Richard West, the fencing master, made a special study of the scene and weapons.

SPORT NOTES

Bill Lang, the Australian heavyweight champion, and Jack Burns, the Californian giant, who went to England several weeks ago in search of fights, have been signed up by Hugh McIntosh to meet in a 20-round bout at King's hall, London, the latter part of this month. Bombardier Wells, the English heavyweight, refused to fight Lang, and McIntosh substituted Burns. Lang should beat Burns, as the latter made a poor show against Jim Stewart.

The McFarland-Atter fight, which is supposed to take place to-morrow at the Fairmont club, New York, has been called off owing to the inability of the managements to come to terms with the Fairmont club promoters.

Owen Moran, who beat Battling Nelson, has decided to become an American citizen. The little English lightweight, although fighting ten years, has never yet been knocked out. He has fought 180 battles and only lost 6.

Alfred Shrubbs and Tom Longboat are matched to run an 18-mile race at Buffalo in a fortnight's time. It is probable that Shrubbs and Longboat will run a series of races, distances to be between ten and eighteen miles.

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The 15-mile race has already been run, but 10, 12 and 16 miles events will more than likely be run.

Cumberland is taking a strong team to Ladysmith on Christmas Day to try conclusions with the local team. It is the only team that has defeated Ladysmith this year. The Ladysmith boys are determined to reverse matters this time, and no doubt a fast and interesting game will take place. On the Monday Cumberland meet Natalino, taking the place of Victoria West in the postponed game in the Island League, which will take the form of an exhibition game.



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New Real Irish Lace Collars and Jabots, \$1.75 and up.

Persian Silk and Lace Collars and Accordion Pleated Jabots, 35c and up.

Dutch Collars, Sailor Collars, with ties, in linen and pique; Mufflers, Scarfs, Egyptian Made Shawls, Auto Veils.

An Umbrella is an acceptable gift, plain wood, gold, silver and gun metal handles, with gloria and silk covers. Prices from \$2.00 to \$25.00.

Hand Bags in real leather, alligator, Paisley, velvet and satin, \$3.50 up to \$25.

Our extensive line of Marabout Sets and Stoles have been greatly admired and they make an appropriate gift. Black and colored. Sets, \$20.00 up to \$65.00. Separate Stoles, \$6.50 up to \$30.00.

German Eiderdown Kimonos, either long or short, finished with stitched silk and cord, \$1.75 up to \$10.00.

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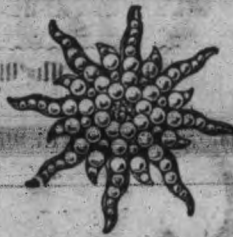
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UNDERGROUND

WIRES BY-LAW

(Continued from page 13)

All conduits laid and work constructed through the expenditure of the sum realized through the sale of the \$100,000 worth of debentures will be the property of the city of Victoria until such time as the company shall have made all the semi-annual payments of interest and sinking fund in the debentures. When all these payments have been made by the company, the underground conduits and incidental works constructed under the by-law will be transferred by the city to the company. The company, under the agreement, may redeem the debentures by semi-annual payments of interest and sinking fund spread over a term of fifty years, or it may, upon giving six months' notice to debenture holders at any time, redeem the entire issue and immediately become the owner of the works.

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time as the company pays off principal and interest. And the telephone company is bound, under the agreement with the city, to start buying the works immediately they are completed by making semi-annual payments of interest and sinking fund to the city.

The underground conduit system to be built by the telephone company for the carrying of cables and wires and involving the removal of street poles and overhead wires will be constructed within the area bounded by the following streets: Wharf street, Humboldt, Douglas, Burdette, avenue, Blanchard, Cormorant and Store streets from Douglas street to Cook street and Yates street from Douglas to Quadra streets.

—Save money on your Xmas present by purchasing something useful from the Capital Furniture Co.

—A meeting of the Voters' League will be held in the Duck Block hall, Broad and Johnson streets, Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Business of interest to electors discussed. All interested and in sympathy invited to attend.

—All the stock of the Capital Furniture Co. have been specially marked for this sale, as everything must go.

FIXING LOWER RATES.

Electric Light Committee Negotiating With B. C. Electric Company.

At a meeting of the electric light committee of the city council held yesterday afternoon it was decided to recommend to the council that the offer of the B. C. Electric Company in respect to power rates of one and one-tenth cents per kilowatt hour for energy generated at the Jordan river plant be not accepted, and urging that the company be asked to grant a rate of one cent straight.

It will be recalled that when the Jordan river by-law was before the council the company promised to supply power to the city for street lighting purposes at one-half of what it was then paying the city to generate power for that purpose. M. Hutchinson, city electrician, calculates that the cost is 1.30 cents per kilowatt hour.

B. C. ELECTRIC EARNINGS.

The gross receipts of the British Columbia Electric Railway for the year ending June 30, 1910, increased by 21 per cent, while the net earnings disclosed an advance of 19 per cent. There is available for distribution after everything has been met, a sum of \$67,452. The holders of deferred ordinary stock will receive 8 per cent.

—Advices have been received from Ottawa that David Dewar and William Dill, both of Victoria, have been successful in their final examinations for the Dominion civil service.

—The fire brigade was given a fruitless run Tuesday night by a false alarm sent in to headquarters from Hillside avenue and Graham street. When the brigade arrived at the top of the hill near the Orphanage where the box is located there was no sign of fire and no sign of the individual who had turned in the alarm.

—John White has made a complaint to the police that while in the vicinity of the bridge he was assaulted by two men with whom he refused to drink. White resides at Socke and came into the city to do his Christmas shopping. He was roughly treated and has a black eye as the result of his encounter.

—The electric lighting system on Douglas street, on the section between Johnson and Government streets, was placed in operation for the first time last evening. The new system, which is a complete improvement on the old one, has been the improved appearance of that thoroughfare. The section between Johnson and Pl-

guard, on which cluster lights have also been installed, will soon be brought into operation also.

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The Evening
Chit-Chat

BY RUTH CAMERON



He picked it up, brushed it off,
opened his mouth as if to speak, and
then closed it again, without speak-
ing.

I tried to tell my feelings by rail-
ing against the abominable rudeness
and carelessness of the feelings of
others that some people show, but, to
my surprise, he didn't seem to feel
grateful.

"What's the matter," I queried,
"why don't you say something?"
"Well, you know," he answered, "I
was going to say something quite vig-
orous, and then I stopped to think first
if I might not have done the same

As we were
passing through a
narrow passage-
way, leading to-
ward the train in a
certain big de-
pot the other
night three men
bore down upon
us, running as if
for dear life, and,
as they tormented
past, knocked my
companion's um-
brella from his
hand.

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thing in their places. You see it's
eleven o'clock, and that was their last
train. If they'd missed it they'd have
had to stay here all night or take a
two-hour trip on the electric. I sup-
pose I might have been a little bit
careless myself if I'd had their reasons
for hurrying.

"I try to make it a plan never to let
myself get angry at anyone until I've
put myself in the other fellow's place
and been able to say, 'I know I would
not have done it under those circum-
stances.'"

How's that for a plan? Whenever
a wave of indignation or resentment
or displeasure against anyone sweeps
over you, try to force it back until you
have "put yourself in his place."
I think it is a pretty good plan.

I have tried it several times, and
like my companion of the other night,

I can't give myself the right to be
angry very often.

I tried it the other day in a lunch
room.

I ordered some salad. It arrived
without bread and butter. The wait-
ress, having deposited it, scooted
away, and apparently did not con-
template returning. After waiting several
minutes, I inquired mildly of a wait-
ress who strayed near my table if they
didn't serve bread and butter with
salad there. "She's getting it for you
just as fast as she can," she snapped.

I had inquired mildly and didn't
think I deserved any such reply, so
my first impulse was to be vexed with
the waitress for being a disagreeable
old thing. And then I made myself
stop and think, "Suppose I'd worked
hard all day, and was tired, and sup-
pose I heard some one casting what
I considered an aspersions upon a sister
waitress, who also had worked
hard, wasn't it just possible that I
might have resented it in a similar
manner?"

And I felt so very uncertain of the
answer that I had to make myself
swallow my indignation post haste.

A most interesting and eye-opening
plan, truly! Won't you try it the next
time you are inclined to feel indig-
nant or resentful against or superior
to anybody?

Ruth Cameron

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Winona Troup, who has been visit-
ing in Vancouver, has returned home.

Hon. Wm. Templeman, minister of
mines, arrived from Ottawa on last
night's boat.

Mrs. Wulfsohn, Esquimaux, gave a
charming children's party on Tuesday
afternoon.

Hugh G. Gilpin, Vancouver, is in
the city on business and is registered
at the Empress.

R. E. Brett, manager of the Sanitar-
ium hotel, Banff, Alta., is a guest at
the Empress hotel.

A. R. Mann of Winnipeg, a brother
of D. D. Mann, of the Canadian North-
ern, is visiting the coast.

W. J. Gospe, provincial inspector of
offices, is leaving to-day for the Koot-
enay to spend Christmas with his fam-
ily.

Mrs. Henry Moore, Seattle, arrived
in the city yesterday, and will be the
guest of relatives at Oak Bay for
Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Pearson have
gone over to Seattle to spend Christ-
mas and will be the guests of Mrs.
John Hobson, Mrs. Pearson's mother.

Mrs. G. R. Raymond, Vernon, accom-
panied by her son, A. B. Raymond, To-
ronto, are registered at the Empress
hotel. Mrs. Raymond is the wife of
the former proprietor of the Kalamalka
hotel at Vernon, which was recently
sold. Shortly after the sale Mr. Ray-
mond and daughter left for Australia
en route to England, where they will be
joined by Mrs. Raymond and son, who
leave for the Old Country in the course
of a few days via the C. P. R.

F. C. Moffatt, a prominent lawyer of
Nelson, and his bride, whom he married
in Vancouver yesterday morning, are
registered at the Empress hotel. Mrs.
Moffatt was formerly Miss Ida Morris.
The marriage was quietly solemnized
at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. E.
Logan (a sister of the bride) in Van-
couver. Rev. R. Newton Powell officiat-
ing. Mr. Moffatt has been a resident
of the province for he past twelve
years, coming from Ontario. For four
years he was editor of the Rossland
Miner and for six years he held a simi-
lar position on the Nelson Daily News.
A couple of years ago he gave up jour-
nalism for the law.

PLUCKY RESCUE.

Son of Duke of Wellington Plunges
Into Thames and Saves Drowning
Girl.

Lord George Wellesley, the youngest
son of the Duke of Wellington and a
great-grandson of the Iron Duke, saved
with great gallantry a girl from
drowning in the Thames at Putney re-
cently. Plunging into the river at a
spot where the currents swirl danger-
ously, Lord George Wellesley swam to
the aid of the girl in mid-stream and,
despite her desperate struggles, suc-
ceeded in taking her safely to the bank.
Hundreds of people witnessed the
brave deed, knowing nothing of the
rescuer's identity, and cheered him
again and again; but after he had sat-
isfied himself that the girl still breath-
ed the young man—he is only 21—turned
to his friend, Lord Claud Nigel
Hamilton, son of the Duke of Aber-
corn, who pressed upon him with con-
gratulations.

"Oh, it's a mere nothing," said
Lord George, and, anxious to escape
further notice, the two young men hur-
ried to the house of a friend in the
neighborhood, where a change of
clothes was obtained. They were fol-
lowed by a police constable, who insist-
ed upon learning the name of the res-
cuer, but it was not for some minutes
that he received satisfaction.

Everything had happened very quick-
ly. Accompanied by Lord Claud Nigel
Hamilton, Lord George Wellesley had
just left the house of the tutor who is
preparing him for a military examina-
tion when his attention was arrested
by the excited exclamations of several
people on Putney bridge. Noticing that
all were pointing over the parapet, he
immediately divined that a tragedy
was in the making.

A city tyket, a girl of 20, had flung
herself from the parapet of the bridge
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stant Lord George Wellesley, too, was
struggling in the water. But he stands
6 feet 2 inches in his socks, and he is
as sinewy as plucky. The son of a great
race, their fighting instincts were his
also. As the minutes passed the excite-
ment of those who witnessed the gal-
lant struggle from the banks and
bridge heightened, and when it was
seen that the tall stranger had at last
managed to clasp the drowning girl the
first cheers rang out.
Even then the fight had not been
won, for the girl was strong and heavy

and she struggled wildly, as drowning
people do, but stroke by stroke the
young man fought his way back to the
bank and delivered his burden to Dr.
Curry, who, having witnessed the
scene from his house, had hurried to
the riverside.

For three hours Dr. Curry work-
ed strenuously to restore the girl, who by
the time the bank was reached had
collapsed entirely. Eventually her con-
dition improved sufficiently to permit
of her removal to the Wandsworth in
first aid.

GERMANY'S LATEST FIGHTING MACHINE

Is Similar to England's Funnel-less Warships—Has Heavy Guns and High Speed

Germany, like Great Britain, is constructing a new type of warship, driven by gas motors, which will be an entirely new factor in the future of naval conflicts. When the first reports of Great Britain's new warship were recently published, no uneasiness was betrayed in this country, because it was generally known that Germany already was building a new type of ship which, so far as can be judged from the description of the British vessel, is remarkably similar to the latter. That almost simultaneously two powers like Great Britain and Germany should construct an almost identical and yet entirely new type of warship is curious, and suggests that the plans of the one country became prematurely known to the naval authorities of the other.

The Vorwarts, which possesses excellent sources of information, and has frequently, by its far-reaching connections, given official secrets to the world, publishes the following details of Germany's new warship. The length is 284 ft., breadth 45 ft., draught 22 ft. The deck, which only projects 5 ft. above the surface of the water, is protected by armor of such a thickness and arranged in such a way that it appears impossible for any projectile new in existence to pierce it. The ship will have one single turret, which will revolve, and will be situated exactly amidships. It will be armed with two huge guns, which will be capable of firing shells so quickly in succession that all existing guns will be entirely

eclipsed by its marvellous performance.

The new gun has a calibre of 43 centimetres (16.7 in.), and, says the Vorwarts, the shell will be of the extraordinary weight of 2,700 kilograms, or two tons thirteen cwt. Notwithstanding their size, it will be possible to handle these guns easily and promptly by hydraulic machinery. The revolving turret's axle will be a short mast, on which the captain's conning tower will be placed. This, also, will be protected by thick armor. This curious system of construction is rendered possible, as in the new British type, by the absence of funnels and the substitution of gas motors, each of eight cylinders, and developing 6,000-horse power. Each motor works quite independently of the others, and drives a separate screw, giving a speed of 27 knots.

After giving the above details the Vorwarts' informant adds the following additional particulars, which reveal the significance of the new type. According to the expectations of the German naval authorities the new ship will be capable of delivering an attack on the largest existing battleships, including super-Dreadnoughts. More than that, it is probable that the existing battleship could withstand its onslaught, so that its appearance is likely to produce a revolution in naval shipbuilding. Apart from its capabilities of dealing with the largest existing battleships, the new ship will be invulnerable against attacks from future aeroplanes or airships which may drop explosives from the clouds, owing to the peculiar construction of its deck and its unusually thick armor.

One or two interesting technical details concerning the new ship are also mentioned. Ventilators driven by electricity will purify the air of the engine rooms from any escaped smoke. In case of rough weather the ship is provided with a new kind of miniature breakwater, which could be affixed to the deck before the revolving turret. This contrivance is necessary owing to the low decks, which would be swept by the heavy seas.

The revelations of the Vorwarts are discussed to-day with animation in political circles where their importance is fully realized.

MARINE NOTES

After taking on a large amount of freight at Vancouver and Puget Sound, the Bank liner *Boverie*, of the Australian Mail line, will leave for San Francisco on Saturday morning en route to the Antipodes.

Bound for Vancouver, the *Weir* steamship *Oceano*, cleared San Francisco this morning with a large general cargo for that city and ports on the Sound. On the return trip to Australia she will take a big cargo.

Loaded with a full cargo of coal taken on at Comox, the British steamship *Knight of St. George*, left to-day for Guaymas, Mexico. On the expiration of the present Mexican charter the big tramp will return to Puget Sound to load for the Orient.

With 15,000 tons of general freight stored away in her capacious holds, including 1,000,000 feet of lumber, loaded at Portland, and 5,500 tons of wheat taken on at Tacoma, the Bank liner, *Kumeric*, sailed for the Orient yesterday. She also has heavy consignments of cotton, salmon and acetate of lime.

Some time in February the new steamer for the South Vancouver-Vancouver run will be launched. This vessel, which is built of steel and has a gross tonnage of 120 tons, is the first to be manufactured and constructed on the mainland. The steamer will make regular runs each day and her accommodation will be very large.

ELIZA LYNN LEAVES.

To load lumber for Antofagasta, the sailing vessel *Eliza Lynn*, which resided the Royal Roads yesterday morning, left this morning for Chemos, where she will load a heavy cargo for Antofagasta. She arrived here in ballast from the south and had a fairly good passage up the coast, making the distance in 52 days. Favorable winds were met until the Oregon coast was reached, when strong westerly winds were met, which kicked up a heavy sea. The *Eliza Lynn* will not get away for the south for several weeks yet.

SEEKS TO ABOLISH CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Campaign Opened in State of Washington—Bill for the Legislature

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 22.—Mrs. Katherine Stirtan has commenced a campaign that aims at the abolition of capital punishment in the state of Washington. Mrs. Stirtan is circulating petitions that will be offered to the next legislature and she declares that hundreds of voters have expressed their willingness to sign them.

Mrs. Stirtan said: "I have talked to judges, attorneys, men of many professions and prominent business men, and I find the sentiment against capital punishment is far more general than the public realizes. I believe the next legislature will repeal this inhuman law of the dark ages if citizens will take time to sign these petitions."

A bill repealing the law for capital punishment will be introduced in the legislature by Representative Francis P. Goss of Seattle, according to the statement of Mrs. Stirtan.

CAMOSUN BEATS BEATRICE.

It is seldom that steamboat races are indulged in on the northern runs, but last week two vessels, representing rival companies, the Camosun, of the Union Steamship Co., and the *Princess Beatrice*, of the C. P. R. fleet, opened out over the stretch to Prince Rupert, and the result was a win for the Camosun, after a close race, which was watched with intense interest by the passengers of both steamers. The victory for the Camosun settles without question the outstanding doubt as to which of these boats is the faster.

STOP SIDESTEPPING.

To the Editor:—Isn't it about time to stop sidestepping on the water question? By this evening's paper I see Alderman Langley has nearly a column of verbiage to put before the board in an attempt to delay the by-law until it will be too late to get it out in time for the municipal elections, or else to completely spoil it. He ought to be ashamed to lower either himself or the position he occupies by such a course.

There has been no end of data taken on the Booke scheme. When Alderman Langley announced himself for Mayor I for one fully intended to vote for him. Now I am going to vote for Mr. Morley, the people's friend.

G. E. MILLOY.

Victoria, December 21, 1910.

Silence is the perfectest herald of joy; I were but little happy, if I could say how much.—Shakespeare.

BUY THESE

Property in the vicinity of the City Park in the North End offers the small investor the best investment opportunity in the city to-day.

Property has been selling rapidly in this district during the past month, but the BIG movement is yet to come. The time for you to "get in" is to-day.

Investigate these three offerings and, also, several other excellent buys we have in this section.

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ris & Co., stood with his wife and son watching the fire.

"It is a fearful, horrible," he said, "it is positively known that Horan is gone? What sorrow I cannot talk about it."

Morris refused to estimate the damage to the plant except to say that it probably would exceed half a million dollars.

Captain Champagne, of the insurance patrol at the scene, said: "We first got word of the fire shortly before four o'clock this morning. It was not much of a fire then, but high pressure pipes in the basement of the plant were cut off to prevent the water freezing in them. It was at least two minutes before water could be turned on the blaze."

"The fire had been controlled to all appearances when a terrific explosion at the south end of the beef cooler tore off the roof of the building and knocked out about 250 feet of the east wall. A lot of men were working under a canopy extending over the loading track. All were buried without a chance to warn them."

Stock Yards in Danger. Assistant Fire Marshal Seyferlich, who took command after Marshal Horan was lost, said that the whole stock yards were endangered owing to the lack of water.

"We can't do anything effectively," he said, "on account of the lack of water. The fire is now on the ground right now and unless the wind shifts or abates we will be absolutely helpless."

Fire Under Control. Chicago, Dec. 22.—(Later).—After ten hours of fighting the fire that threatened to destroy the Nelson Morris Packing Company's plant and endangered the entire Union stock yards, was brought under control this afternoon. At 11 o'clock, new bodies had been recovered from the ruins, in which it is believed more than thirty firemen lost their lives.

When the firemen resumed digging in the wreckage for the bodies of their comrades they came upon the remains of Lieut. W. S. Strum, Lieut. J. J. Fitzgerald and Truckman Michael Crane, at the edge of the mound of fallen masonry that marked the spot where the east wall of the Morris beef warehouse had stood.

According to Fire Marshal Butler this would indicate that every man of the 25 who were working near that portion of the building perished. Those who were inside the warehouse when the ammonia tank exploded probably were instantly killed and their bodies incinerated.

The fire in the tallow house of the Nelson Morris plant, which threatened to spread to adjoining packing houses, was controlled shortly before 1 o'clock. The inflammable substances, however, caused a greater portion of the department to remain on duty. When the tallow house fire was extinguished, firemen, police and laborers got to work recovering the bodies of the dead.

It was stated that it is probable that an accurate list of the dead will not be obtainable before night.

The bodies of Pipeman William Webber and of Stephen Lane, an em-

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employee of the Grand Trunk railway, were recovered this afternoon. Three laborers, known to have been in the plant at the time of the fire, were reported missing this afternoon.

All the stock of the Capital Furniture Co. have been specially marked for this sale, as everything must go.

Magistrate Jay has made an order for the payment by the city of \$2 per week towards the maintenance of a

two-year-old child, who has been neglected by his parents. The order holds until the child is fourteen years of age.

PERISHES IN WELL.

Onion Lake, Sask., Dec. 22.—While digging a well north of here, George Gamble, a homesteader, was overcome. Attempts at rescue failed, and his lifeless body was dragged to the surface with a pair of ice tongs.

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CHICAGO CONFLAGRATION CLAIMS THIRTY LIVES

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was hurled in all directions. Firemen nearest the tank were blown through the flooring of the roof by the force of the blast.

The men inside, who might have escaped the concussion of the bursting tank, were overcome by the fumes of the ammonia and were buried beneath the roof of the building when it fell.

The warehouse was a four-story structure, occupying an entire block. Not a wall was left standing and not any of the floors was in place half an hour after the explosion.

Following upon the roar of the bursting tank, resounding through the south side district, came the first general alarm that called out a third of Chicago's fire fighting force. The wreckage and debris hurled skyward by the explosion fell back into the blazing building and a column of fire leaped up-

ward, sending out a terrific blast of heat which drove the men from their positions and cremated the bodies of the unfortunate firemen who had not been buried under tons of broken masonry.

The fire could be seen from all parts of the city, and vast crowds had gathered to view the spectacle. Believing that a second explosion might occur, the police drove back the throngs, using their clubs freely.

Driven Back By Flames. At 10 o'clock a second general alarm brought ten more fire companies to the scene and caused outlying companies to move into the nearer engine house.

The fire apparently was under control at 11 o'clock, but shortly after that hour flames broke out afresh and drove back the men who were endeavoring to reach the bodies of their comrades.

The fierce heat precluded the possibility that anyone caught beneath the torn framework of the building could be alive.

Few of the men who were in or near the warehouse when the explosion occurred escaped to tell the story. One of those who miraculously escaped

death was Lieut. Mackey, driver for the fire chief.

Lieutenant Mackey said that he was standing with the marshal near the ammonia tank when it exploded. The concussion broke Mackey's leg and hurled him into an adjoining yard. Mackey declared he saw Horan's body hurled through the air as the explosion blew off the roof of the building and sent the walls crashing down upon the firemen. Mackey added that Lieutenant James Fitzgerald was talking with Horan at the time of the explosion and that Fitzgerald undoubtedly perished.

"Inside the building a number of men were working," continued Mackey. "Outside, near the wall Horan and I were standing, near the marshal's automobile. Fitzgerald had just arrived for orders when the explosion occurred. 'The whole roof was blown up. The walls fell outward, burying a score of men working on the outside of the building. I saw Horan and Fitzgerald go down. The explosion hurled me against a nearby freight car and my leg was broken.'"

"When the ammonia tank blew up the roof crushed the men inside the building. As I was dragged away, I could hear the groans and cries of the men buried under the walls."

Buried By Falling Walls.

Fire Marshal Lacey, missing for hours and believed dead, re-appeared four hours after the fire started. He was working underneath the wall that collapsed. He was with Horan and Burroughs at the time of the explosion, he said, and afterward saw them lying on the ground, inert, in the midst of the poisonous fumes. Lacey staggered out and escaped. He said he went to a drug store, where he was revived, and then returned to the fire.

He said he did not know that a wall had fallen until after he returned.

The bodies recovered were so badly burned that only partial identification was possible. The body of Pipeman Murawski was incinerated, identification being made by means of his helmet. Other bodies, believed to be those of Horan, Burroughs, Doyle and Collins, were so scorched and mutilated that identification by location only was possible.

Beneath one of the fallen walls, it is believed, will be found the bodies of at least 20 firemen. These men were straining lines of hose near the wall when the explosion sent the masonry hurtling about their heads.

As he fought the heat from the crater drove back the rescuers, the cries of the men buried alive could be heard occasionally above the roar of the flames.

Lieutenant Ryan, who assumed charge of Marshal Horan's office, said that one of the causes of the great loss of life was due to the fact that the fire apparently was under control when the ammonia explosion occurred. He said that the men were thronging toward the building, while successfully fighting the fire, and that they practically had concentrated near the place where the tank stood.

It was stated that the fire started in an outside storage room, and that a watchman discovered the blaze and turned in the first alarm.

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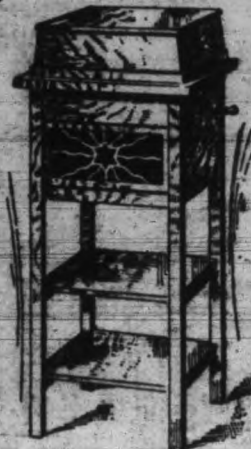
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President, Charles Hayward; secretary, W. Scowcroft; treasurer, A. W. Bridgman; finance committee, Messrs. Bridgman, Lawson and Fraser; repairs committee, the president and Messrs. Holmeken and Goodacre; hon. physician, Dr. D. B. Holden; hon. dentist, Dr. Lewis Hall.

The ladies committee was elected as follows:

Representing the Anglican churches—Mrs. Cokenour, Mrs. C. F. Todd, Mrs. A. Toller and Miss J. Toomey. Representing the Baptist churches—Mrs. Wm. Andrews, Mrs. Few, Mrs. D. P. Pickard and Mrs. G. Sherwood.

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Representing the Reformed Episcopal church—Mrs. W. R. Higgins, Mrs. K. Huckle, Mrs. J. Langley and Mrs. G. A. McTavish.

A letter was received from Mr. Hafer donating \$14.85, the savings of his son, recently deceased, to the Home.

The annual report was ordered printed.

All of the newest shapes, sacrificed at half price at The Elite, 1313 Douglas.

THE ADVANCE MAN

Duthie Recital To-Night.

Miss Lena Duthie, who has been having a marked artistic success with her unique recitals at Ladysmith, Natal, etc., returned to Victoria this morning and this evening appears at Institute hall in an entirely new programme. From here she proceeds on an extended Western Canadian tour. Her entertainment, which is replete with anecdote and wit, varied with many delightful Scottish and Irish songs, is given in three parts, the first, dealing with Scottish songs and folk-lore, given in Highland costume; the second, Irish songs and folk-lore, in Irish peasant garb; and the third, Irish songs and folk-lore, in the dress of the Scottish fishwife. Seats for this unique and attractive entertainment, which is something of quite new lines for Victoria, and which must appeal strongly to everyone, the prices being but 20 and 25 cents, are now on sale at Fletcher Bros., Ltd.

"The Wolf."

The holiday season at the Victoria theatre will be ushered in by a special performance on next Monday night of the great comedy drama "The Wolf." The play, which has been meeting with wonderful success all over the country, is especially adapted to the holiday season. The scenes are laid in the northern part of Ontario, and the characters are the strong, virile types who go in advance of civilization, build railroads and in many ways make the pathway easier for those who follow. The well known Canadian actor, Harold Nelson, will appear as the romantic young Frenchman, Jules Beau-bien.

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Chicago, Dec. 22.—Christmas gifts valued at \$25,000 were destroyed yesterday in a wreck on the Pennsylvania railroad, when a passenger train and a westbound freight collided in the yards on the west side here. When the trains met the boilers of the passenger engine exploded, setting fire to a car of registered mail. After the fire had been extinguished, a police guard was thrown about the debris while laborers shoveled the ashes of the car into cans. Systematic sifting of the ashes began, and diamonds and jewelry were recovered.

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NATIONAL MUSEUM AT FEDERAL CAPITAL

Hon. William Templeman Outlines Scope of Work to Be Done There

Hon. William Templeman, minister of mines, has issued the following statement in regard to the controversy over the Victoria Memorial museum, which the Dominion government is establishing at Ottawa:

"Judging from remarks published in the press, there seems to be some misunderstanding regarding the nature and purpose of the Victoria Memorial museum, which is to be devoted only to the purpose for which it was constructed. A part of the building will house the art collections, but the major portion of it is assigned to anthropology, biology and geology. The National museum at Washington, which I examined last spring, is also confined to anthropology, biology and geology. Museum knowledge has advanced and become technical in recent years, and a modern national museum is no longer simply a group of exhibition halls. It is not merely a place of public entertainment and rational amusement, but an institution of research and education. As a consequence, in addition to exhibition halls it must have office accommodation for scientific workers, and rooms for scientific collections where the real wealth of the museum can be housed like books and manuscripts in a library so as to be accessible to scientific students. This is the distinctive feature of a true national museum. In the United States National museum before the completion of the additional new building, there were devoted to exhibition halls 112,000 square feet, to storage, rooms for scientific and scientific collections 75,000, and general offices, etc., 50,000 square feet. The present requirements of that institution are approximately 350,000 square feet for public exhibition halls, 237,000 square feet for scientific collections, rooms for the scientists connected with the institution, administrative offices, workshops, storage, library, photographic laboratory, etc.

"In the proposed distribution of space in our new museum a somewhat larger proportion is reserved for public exhibition. Provision has been made for the growth of the museum, which enables the geological survey to be housed there for the present. When expansion makes it necessary, provision will have to be made near by for officials whose work is not so closely connected with the museum that they must be housed under its roof, and for scientific collections, thus giving extra room in the present building for exhibition halls. But a large part of the survey staff have to deal directly with the museum, and to have rapid and easy access to the library for which provision is made in the building. The work of the museum, and the survey is by nature so interwoven that an organic connection is most economical.

"In countries where the connection does not exist, the reason is usually that the museum antedates the scientific bureau, and is forced to a separate existence by conditions attached to bequests accepted in the past, as is the case with the United States National museum. In Canada, however, the scientific bureau antedated the museum, created it, and is the most essential part of it. But as I stated above, while the geological survey naturally goes into the building along with its extremely valuable anthropological, biological and geological museum material, the space it occupies is not more than that usually devoted in a modern museum for the scientific side of its work.

"The fear that the museum would be devoted to purposes other than as explained is groundless. A severance of the geological survey from the museum would be disastrous to both, and would involve a duplication of the staff of scientific men, which would entail heavy and unnecessary expense, and would serve no good purpose."

BRITISH PENAL LAWS.

London, Dec. 22.—Already the politicians are discussing the probable legislation to be enacted by the approaching parliament. That the semi-public execution of Dr. H. H. Crippen will have its influence upon the penal laws was intimated to-day by A. C. Benson, son of the late Bishop of Canterbury, who is preparing a bill abolishing hangings and substituting death by lethal means.

"If a prisoner in his cell might be allowed to swallow poison or be done to death by anaesthetic, death would at least have some touch of privacy and decorum," said Mr. Benson. "The awful ceremony and the disgusting apparatus of violent death seem to me utterly barbarous and medieval. A man at such a crisis of his fate is not a thing to be dealt over, and no matter what his crime, the whole proceeding has been debasing and degrading in its effect upon the public."

ILLINOIS CENTRAL PRESIDENT.

C. H. Markham Elected to Succeed J. T. Harahan.

New York, Dec. 22.—Charles K. Markham, of Pittsburg, was yesterday elected president of the Illinois Central railroad as the successor of J. T. Harahan. The elimination of Harahan from the Illinois Central is caused by operation of the pension rules of the company. Harahan will be 70 years old on January 12 next. He has been with the road continuously for 30 years. He was chosen head of the Illinois Central system after a spectacular fight in which Edward H. Harriman wrested the control of the road from Stuyvesant Fish.

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Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 20th day of December, 1910.
MORSEY & O'REILLY,
Solicitors for the Executors of the Estate of the Above Named Deceased.

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MEMORY OF HERO

Remains of F. Anderson, Who Lost Life in Bellevue Mine, Interred at Hosmer

Fernie, Dec. 21.—The remains of Fred D. Anderson, who so bravely sacrificed his life at the recent disaster at Bellevue, were laid to rest in the cemetery at Hosmer. The funeral services were first conducted by Rev. A. B. N. Crowther, of the Anglican church, then the Masonic fraternity, of which the deceased was a member, took charge, and a very large number of craftsmen followed to the grave side. As a mark of respect the business houses in Hosmer were closed during the time of the burial.

Anderson was 35 years of age, and a native of Durham, England. He had been in the employ of the Hosmer Mines for 16 months.

One of the pathetic features in connection with the hero's death was the fact that the day prior to his death he had forwarded a collection of toys to his children (of which there are four) in Durham. It was his intention to have the family out in Canada in the spring of next year.

Anderson sacrificed his own life to save one of the men entombed by the explosion. He entered the mine equipped with a Dräger oxygen helmet, but finding a man almost exhausted, he gave him his helmet, and perished himself before he could reach safety.

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MILE IN LENGTH

Tram of Famous Molly Gibson Silver-Lead Mine Nearing Completion

Nelson, Dec. 21.—The longest span of cable on a mine tram in North America, it is said, will come into use about January 1, when the new tram on the famous Molly Gibson silver-lead property on Kokanee creek, near Nelson, will be completed and put into service. The span in question is only 300 feet short of a mile, and is part of a tram line that will be 4-1-2 miles in length when the last mile, on which work is now proceeding, is completed. This tram will cover the distance from the mill, at an altitude of 5000 feet, to the new terminal, at an altitude of 3200 feet, the new terminal bringing the line to within four miles of the lake. The mine is 10 miles back from the lake, at an altitude of 7000 feet, and a tram 1½ miles long connects it with the mill. From the terminal the ore will be hauled by the existing wagon road, to the lake shore at Molly Gibson Landing.

It is understood that A. W. Davis, superintendent of the property, of which the Consolidated Mining & Smelting company assumed control the past summer, has 50 men working. In all, which number, it is likely, will be reduced to a permanent basis of 40 when the construction of the tram is completed. The energies of all concerned will then be turned to getting out ore and it is expected that shipping will commence at once. The two lowest of the five drifts, which constitute the present development of the big vertical vein are each 2000 feet long, and a vast amount of stopeing remains to be done in the present workings.

The crew of men working on the Kootenay Belle gold mine at Sheep creek, driving the new cross-cut tunnel, having completed the contract 100 feet, have returned to the city. The ledge was reached in 107 feet from the point in the long cross-cut where the contract work began. The ledge is perfectly defined, and is identical in form and character with what is exposed in No. 1. The dip of the vein at depth has not varied in the slightest and had the tunnel preserved its original direction, it would not have swerved slightly, it would have caught the vein in the expected 100 feet. The vein has a clear width of two feet.

It is understood that the Rogers Syndicate will at once put men at work to continue development, which is likely to take two forms, drifting on the present vein, which is the smaller and richer one, and continuing the cross-cut until it catches the larger vein, which should be encountered in from 85 to 100 feet.

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The Port Hammond and District Improvement Association want cheap week-end rates on the railways to Vancouver and New Westminster, such as these cities now enjoy to the country points, and wrote asking that the New Westminster board interest itself in the matter. The board will endorse the cheap rates, providing the association make their own representations.

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GENERAL AGENCY TRANS-ATLANTIC STEAMSHIP LINES.

ber of Commerce in Belgium is coming to New Westminster shortly, so the board was informed by letter, and the president and secretary were appointed to see that he was received on behalf of the board.

Resolutions from the Vancouver board of trade, addressed to the premier of British Columbia and the minister of the interior, requesting the adoption of means looking towards the settlement of the agricultural lands of the province, were adopted.

GOES TO BALLARD.

New Westminster, Dec. 21.—Rev. Canon Hilton of Ladner, left a few days ago for Seattle, Wash., where he will take charge of the Anglican church at Ballard, which is a thriving suburb of Seattle. The canon's parish has a population of 25,000 people, a large percentage of whom are English speaking. His first work will be to erect a new church for the parish, funds for which are now being subscribed. The church is to be a handsome one, costing in the neighborhood of \$20,000.

NICKEL-PLATE DIVIDEND.

Phoenix, Dec. 27.—Another dividend of 30 cents and an extra dividend of 20 cents per share has just been declared by the Hedley Gold Mining company, payable December 31, their property, the famous Nickel Plate at Hedley, continuing to produce the precious metal in substantial quantities.

STONE IN KIDNEY

An interesting case was that of Mr. H. L. McDuffee, a member of the firm of H. C. De Wolfe & Co., of the Crocker Building, San Francisco.

The case was puzzling. There was pain in the kidney with a showing of blood. Examination by seven physicians proved that the blood was from the kidneys, and it was the opinion of all that there was a stone cutting the kidneys, as the least exercise caused a showing of blood.

Four X-ray pictures were taken, three of them showing a stone half an inch in diameter. To be certain that it was a stone that cast the shadow, a similar stone about the same size taken from a patient was put under him for comparison—both stones showing on the plate.

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AUSTRALIA HAS BIG RAILWAY SCHEME

Proposal to Link Up Existing Lines and Build New Branches

Melbourne, Dec. 22.—An extensive
scheme of railway development in the
Commonwealth, involving millions of
dollars, is now on foot. The proposal
is to link up the existing system of
railways and to run branch lines into
districts suitable for agricultural pur-
suits, so that settlement may be facili-
tated. At the same time the forward
immigration policy of the new govern-
ment will be hastened so that the new
areas may be made productive as soon
as possible. The states will act in
unison.

In addition to the above scheme the
federal government has hypothecated
fifty thousand pounds for the purpose
of building model houses, hospitals and
shops in certain districts. All will be
run as state concerns and they are in-
tended to form object lessons for private
enterprise along the same lines.

SEATTLE DIVORCE RECORD.

Thirty-Three Cases Disposed of in Three
Hours in Superior Court.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 22.—Thirty-three
divorces granted in three hours set a new
record both for continuity of perfor-
mance and for speed in the superior court
yesterday. In view of the fact that not
less than two witnesses were heard in
each case, the average time of five min-
utes and 27 seconds is considered remark-
able by local attorneys.

"I do not ascribe the unusually large
number of divorce cases to any further
loosening of domestic ties, because they
have been loose enough all along, accord-
ing to the number of cases that steadily
come before me," said Judge A. W.
Fraser, in whose court the thirty-three
cases were tried.

"However, there is altogether too much
of it, and this condition is encouraged by
our peculiar lax divorce laws. I made
an effort at the last session of the legisla-
ture to have the law made more stringent
as to statutory causes, and I shall en-
deavor again at this session to wake the
legislature up on the subject."
Fourteen marriage licenses were issued
yesterday, which in a measure repaired
the matrimonial damage.

ACCUSED OF USING MAILS TO FRAUD

Indictments Returned at Bos- ton Against Officers of Company

Boston, Dec. 22.—Rev. Norman K.
Plass, former president of the Redeem-
able Investment Company, Charles H.
Brooks, manager, and John F. Trap-
hagen, an agent of the company, were
indicted yesterday by the federal grand
jury for using the mails in a scheme to
defraud. The Redeemable Investment
Company was organized three years
ago, by Rev. Mr. Plass, former presi-
dent of Washburn college at Topeka,
Kansas, and by several business men.
"It was stated in the literature of the
company that it controlled as a hold-
ing company, mining, farm and timber
properties in the northwest and in
British Columbia. When the federal
officers visited the offices on October 13
and carried off the books and arrested
Manager Brooks, Mr. Plass was on his
way to British Columbia, and it was
not until three weeks later that he re-
turned voluntarily and surrendered
himself to the United States marshal.
He stated on arriving in Boston that
he resigned as president of the com-
pany two months before.

Official Statement.
Washington, Dec. 22.—In explanation
of the arrest and indictment to-
day in Boston of John F. Trap-
hagen, treasurer of the Redeemable In-
vestment Company, of that city, the post
office department said last night the
mails were used to defraud by him and
his associates in exploitation of the
Okanogan Development Company, the
Boston and Canada Wheat Land Com-
pany, the Norman Plass Lumber Com-
pany and the Santo Domingo Mining
Company, all of which have offices in
Boston.

The department's statement says in
part: "The Okanogan Development Com-
pany claimed to have enormous assets
in the state of Washington, and re-
ported its property worth millions. On
investigation it was found that it was
purchased for \$2,000, of which \$1,500
was payable in six months and \$500
in one year, and that the payments
had never been completed.

"The Boston and Canada Wheat
Land Company claimed to own about
23,000 acres in the province of Saskat-
chewan, it is understood. The com-
pany simply held a contract to pur-
chase these lands, payment on which
had not been made. The company's
equity was practically worthless.

"The Norman Plass Lumber Com-
pany was a stock-selling scheme, and
although dividends have been paid, it
was evidently for the purpose of de-
ceiving stockholders, as the company
had made no earnings.

"The Redeemable Investment Com-
pany also claimed to own iron and
copper mines in New Mexico worth a
million dollars. As a matter of fact,
it had not acquired such a property.
The company has defrauded the pub-
lic out of large sums of money."

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office,
14th to 20th December, 1910.
Victoria—Bright sunshine, 7 hours 30
minutes; highest temperature, 47 on 15th;
lowest, 38 on 14th; rain, 59 inch.
Vancouver—Bright sunshine, 4 hours 26
minutes; highest temperature, 48 on 17th;
lowest, 32 on 20th; rain, 50 inch.
New Westminster—Highest temperature,
48 on 15th and 16th; lowest, 32 on 14th and
20th; rain, 78 inch.
Kamloops—Bright sunshine, 19 hours;
highest temperature, 40 on 15th; lowest, 30
on 20th; precipitation, .04 inch.
Barkerville—Highest temperature, 38 on
14th; lowest, 12 on 17th; precipitation, .30
inch.
Atlin—Highest temperature, 38 on 15th;
lowest, 18 below zero on 14th; precipitation,
.28 inch.
Dawson—Highest temperature, 35 on
20th; lowest, 46 below on 14th; precipita-
tion, .14 inch.

GERMANS OFFENDED.

Failure of U. S. Warships to Call at
Wilhelmshaven Causes Bitter Feeling.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—The fraternizing of
British, American and French fleets with
the exclusion of Germany's vessels, is said
to have caused bitter feeling on the part
of Germany's naval heads. The failure
of the American fleet on its European
tour to stop over at Wilhelmshaven, al-
though it passed within four hours' sail
of that port, is regarded as an affront by
some of Germany's leading naval and
military men, and as the itinerary of the
fleet was outlined by President Taft and
the heads of the navy and state depart-
ments, they are inclined to regard it as
an affair between nations.

Count Reventlow, an eminent German
naval expert, is one of the leaders in the
anti-American faction. The Count has
expressed himself as bitterly angry at the
alleged affront and also has taken excep-
tion to several speeches made at public
entertainments to the American fleet in
England by American speakers.

DIES FROM INJURIES.

Fernie, Dec. 21.—Charles H. Bom-
ford, who was accidentally shot at No.
3 camp, Hosmer, succumbed to his in-
juries on Wednesday. Deceased was
45 years of age, and a native of Bris-
tol, Gloucestershire, England. He
made a further ante-mortem state-
ment completely exonerating Constable
McCulish, who feels intensely his position
as the innocent cause of his
chum's death.

AUTO FATALITY.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 22.—One woman
was drowned and four men narrowly
escaped death in the waters of the old
basin canal area, when an automobile in
which Jesse Smith and four companions
were riding plunged over the embankment
into twenty feet of water. The accident
happened at a bridge on Claiborne avenue,
the speeding machine missing the struc-
ture in the darkness.

The woman's body was recovered. All
the other occupants of the car were in-
jured, but not seriously.

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